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The SR313 billion budget announced Friday drew unanimous praise from princes and ministers who regarded it as another major step toward progress and prosperity for the country and its people.—Page 2.

Ali assures Israel
Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali says the Israeli withdrawal from the last segment of Sinai Sunday will improve Egypt's mood for normalization of relations with Israel.—Page 4.

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Eugene Rostow, American negotiator at the East-West arms cut talks in Geneva, questions the deterrent power or the U.S. nuclear submarine fleet in the event of an attack.—Page 9.

U.S. budget talks fail
White House and Congressional budget negotiators met Friday and adjourned without agreement on a compromise fiscal 1983 budget. Another meeting was tentatively set for Sunday.—Page 10.

Whelan boosts Liverpool
Ronnie Whelan, the find of the season, dented a brace to see Liverpool well in sight of the English Soccer Championship when they beat Southampton 3-2 in a thrilling match Saturday. With nearest rivals Ipswich being held by Manchester City, things look brighter for the leaders.—Page 12.

U.S. aid to Salvador
United States support for strife-ridden El Salvador will continue even if the rightist-dominated Constituent Assembly excludes the centrists from power, U.S. Ambassador Deane R. Hinton says.—Page 16.

America to promote Peking links--Bush

TOKYO, April 24 (Agencies) — The United States is keen on promoting friendly ties with China and has no intention of supplying Nationalist China (Taiwan) with sophisticated warplanes, U.S. Vice President George Bush said here Saturday.

At a 90-minute meeting with Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki, Bush also said Washington did not plan to accept the existence of two Chinas.

He made the remarks when Suzuki expressed Japanese concern about the current strain in Sino-American ties over Washington's decision to sell military spare parts to Taiwan, foreign ministry officials said.

Suzuki told Bush Japan favored a stable relationship between the United States and China, which was essential for stability in Asia.

Suzuki told Bush he would convey the remarks to Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang on Zhao's visit to Tokyo next month, said the spokesman who declined to be identified.

Bush, who is on the first leg of his tour, told reporters here that he was prepared to go to Peking if his visit would be productive and useful. Diplomatic sources in Tokyo said there were indications that Bush might visit Peking to try to smooth the rift over a \$60 million American arms deal with Taiwan.

The deal upset Chinese Communist leaders who accused Washington of implementing a "two China policy" by refusing to set a deadline for ending all arms sales to Taiwan. Peking considers the island of 18 million people a Chinese province and says the sales violate its sovereignty.

U.S. and Chinese officials reportedly are discussing a possible Peking stopover for Bush, former chief of the U.S. liaison office in the Chinese capital, at the end of his five-nation Asian trip.

On economic issues, the vice president told Suzuki the Reagan administration does not blame Japan for U.S. economic problems. But Bush said he hopes Japan will act quickly to rectify what he called unfair trade practices, the ministry spokesman said.

Suzuki told Bush that Japan will announce a new package of trade measures next month to increase access to Japanese markets and



BUSH WELCOMED: Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki, left, welcomed U.S. Vice President George Bush to Tokyo for discussions on a variety of issues. Here the two leaders review an honor guard.

reduce its trade surplus with the United States — \$16 billion last year.

The Japanese leader said differences remained after recent bilateral talks on removing import restrictions on farm products, but that the dialogue will continue. Import restricting is a sharply debated issue in this nation, already heavily dependent on foreign food shipments.

The ministry spokesman said Bush called for Western unity in economic sanctions against the Soviet Union following the Polish government's declaration of martial law Dec. 13. Bush said President Reagan will discuss the issue with Suzuki at the Versailles summit of industrialized nations in June.

Bush later met Emperor Hirohito, who turns 81 in five days, at his palace in central Tokyo. The vice president and his wife Barbara were hosted by the Emperor at a luncheon banquet also attended by Crown Prince Akihito and Princess Michiko, Suzuki, other senior Japanese officials and U.S. Ambassador Mike Mansfield.

Bush arrived Friday to begin a two-week tour which also will take him to South Korea, Singapore, Australia and New Zealand. He leaves for Seoul, South Korea, early Sunday.

Khaled gets OIC peace panel report

RIYADH, April 24 (SPA) — A report on the recent efforts of the Islamic Peace Mission to Iraq and Iran was submitted to King Khaled Saturday in his capacity as the chairman of the Third Islamic Summit Conference. The report was prepared by Habib Chatli, Organization of the Islamic Conference secretary general, during an audience with the King.

Chatli said that the mission's efforts aimed at bringing the two countries' views closer and putting an end to the war raging between them. He explained to King Khaled the problems facing the mission and the obstacles hindering peace.

Chatli said King Khaled thanked the mission's members, especially its Chairman Guinean President Ahmad Sekkou Toure. The King asked the mission to continue its task whatever the difficulties and obstacles. He stressed that it should succeed definitely in bringing about peace between the two countries.

Chatli's audience with the King was attended by Crown Prince Fahd, Security Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah and Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal. Chatli and Prince Saud held a separate meeting to discuss developments on the situation between Iraq and Iran and what the Islamic peace mission has achieved.

Earlier in the day, King Khaled received Prince Abdullah, brother of King Hassan II of Morocco. The meeting was attended by Prince Fahd, Prince Abdullah and Prince Abdul Lah, governor of Qasim.

Iran wants \$50b war indemnity

KUWAIT, April 24 (Agencies) — Iran has demanded \$50 billion from Iraq as payment for war damages, the Kuwait weekly *Al-Majalah* reported quoting sources close to the nonaligned good offices mission. The mission shuttled between Tehran and Baghdad from April 10-15, attempting to settle the Iraq-Iran war which began in September, 1980.

As for the return of prisoners, Iran wanted civilians to be transferred before military personnel. Iran also suggested return of soldiers should be on a one-to-one basis, one Iraqi soldier for each Iranian the weekly reported.

Iraq wanted all prisoners returned to their countries and this should take place during a two-month cease-fire, during which Tehran and Baghdad would negotiate directly with each other.

Meanwhile a leading Iranian politician said his country's forces could invade Iraq and besiege Baghdad if President Saddam Hussein failed to accept Iran's terms for peace in the Gulf war.

Hojatoleslam Hashemi Rafsanjani, the speaker of Iran's Majlis (parliament), accused the Iraqi government of being responsible for the collapse of numerous peace efforts to end the 20-month-old war between the two countries.

Speaking to crowds of worshippers attending Friday prayers in Tehran, Rafsanjani was quoted by the National News Agency as saying President Hussein was seeking concessions from Iran as a price for ending the war.

The Iranian politician, who represents Ayatollah Khomeini on the Supreme Defense Council, said Iran would never compromise and demanded the unconditional withdrawal of Iraqi forces from Iran as the first step toward a peaceful solution.

Oil ministers of GCC meet

RIYADH, April 24 (SPA) — Petroleum Ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council member states held a closed session at the Marriott Hotel here Saturday evening.

The ministers were to discuss a report on a meeting held in Geneva by the oil market development follow up committee of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), according to Dr. Abdullah Al-Ghuwail, assistant GCC secretary general for economic affairs.

He said the ministers will discuss issues related to coordination and cooperation among the GCC states in the oil refining industry and marketing of its products.

Haig's claim draws a blank

WASHINGTON, April 24 (AP) — The State Department appeared to back away from Secretary of State Alexander Haig's statement that Cuban President Fidel Castro is "anguishing" over his ties with the Soviet Union because of Cuba's economic problems.

Deputy spokesman Alan Romberg was asked for evidence to support Haig's claim Wednesday that Castro is considering rejoining the Western world. "I'm not going to speak for the Cuban government on this," Romberg said.

Asked whether the United States believes it is "winning the battle for the heart and mind of Fidel Castro," Romberg said, "I don't think I can give you a characterization."

The questioning was touched off by statements Haig made to a group of businessmen in the office of Representative Silvio Conte, Republican-Massachusetts.

"The Soviet Union has a proxy in this hemisphere, Cuba, that is also presiding over an economic, demographic shambles," Haig said.

Here is a man (Castro) in the declining years of his leadership who's done nothing for his people but make them subservient to Soviet influence and largesse.

Isn't it time for him to step back and ask whether or not the aspiration of his own talented people...would be better satisfied if he were a legitimate member of the Western hemisphere community of nations? Haig asked.

Romberg acknowledged that there is no "specific offer on the table that Castro now is anguishing about. What we have said consistently is that if Cuba were to change its policies in certain areas, then we would be willing to change our relationship with Cuba."



FALKLANDS DISCUSSED: British Foreign Secretary Francis Pym, left, says goodbye to U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig after completing several unsuccessful meetings.

In London, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher summoned her crisis cabinet to an urgent meeting Saturday after Foreign Secretary Francis Pym briefed her on new U.S. proposals to avert war with Argentina over the Falkland Islands.

Mrs. Thatcher ordered her inner cabinet of ministers at the center of efforts to restore British rule to the colony to return to London from engagements in the provinces.

Pym saw Mrs. Thatcher within an hour of his return from two days of talks in Washington with U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig, who is acting as mediator in the crisis. After a two-hour meeting with the prime minister, Pym told reporters that there had been a "bit of progress."

British diplomatic sources said he was referring to the procedure rather than the substance of efforts to reach a peaceful solution. The sources said the positions of Britain and Argentina, which seized the colony on April 2, were very far apart. Britain would send Haig its response to the latest proposals as soon as possible, the sources said.

The sources said the Pym had not endorsed the proposals he brought back with him from Washington and Britain was not committed to them. One British source said: "The latest proposals have moved out of the category of horrendous and these have moved into the category of ideas with which we still have difficulty."

Sources close to Mrs. Thatcher said that once Britain's response to the latest proposals was in Haig's hands the secretary of state would have to decide whether to resume his diplomatic shuttle between London and Buenos Aires.

Officials here say that if he does not do so, they expect the Reagan administration to come down swiftly and unequivocally on Britain's side.

Argentina gears up to thwart British invasion of Falklands

BUENOS AIRES, April 24 (AFP) — Argentina's Air Force was taking measures to "detect, identify, intercept and destroy" British forces invading the Falklands, an Air Force communiqué said, hours after two British warships were reported 50 nautical miles off the Falklands dependency of South Georgia.

"Apparently, the boats are not moving, nor are ours," said a military source who asked not to be named. "They, like us, are awaiting orders. Now the decisions are political."

The communiqué did not detail the type of detection measures to be used, although it said they would defuse "the threat of disembarkation or attack by any invader."

Argentine observation aircraft were turned back at least twice this week by British fighters when they came too close to the British task force headed for the Falklands.

Other British ships were reportedly behind the two vessels sighted near South Georgia Island, 1,500 km (930 miles) east of the Falkland Islands and 2,100 km from the Argentine mainland.

Military experts had ruled out that Britain would move to reoccupy South Georgia before the Organization of American States (OAS) meets Monday in Washington.

South Georgia is held by 300 to 500 Argentine troops, unconfirmed reports said. A British landing would be difficult because of the small size of the islands, the reefs which surround them and the high winds and cold weather there at this time of year, experts said.

The main island in the South Georgia archipelago, 145 km long and 40 km wide (90 by 25 miles), could serve as a naval base and troop relay for a British attack on the Falklands. But military sources here said the climate and landscape of the island would make construction of an air landing strip impos-

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At Palestine session U.S. threatens U.N. on barring Israel

UNITED NATIONS, April 24 (Agencies) — The United States Friday warned the General Assembly of dire consequences if it moved to bar Israel from participating in the work of United Nations bodies.

U.S. Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick issued the warning in a speech at an "emergency special session" of the 157-nation assembly on "the question of Palestine." She did not say just what she expected the consequences would be.

She was reacting to an informal Arab draft now in circulation that would declare that Israel is not a peace-loving state and commit the assembly to review Israel's status in the United Nations at its full session to start Sept. 15. Alluding to that, Mrs. Kirkpatrick said her delegation understood there would be an effort to pass at the current session "a resolution that prepares the way for questioning Israel's credentials and right to participate in the various bodies of the United Nations."

"If the United Nations profess to make political war rather than peace," she said, "it must suffer the consequences in terms of its credibility and reputation. And if, in violation of its own rules, it should decide to exclude Israel from participation, it will inevitably reap the whirlwind," she said.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick did not amplify that warning. Third World countries could throw Israel out of successive sessions of the General Assembly simply by getting a majority vote to reject its credentials, as they have done to South Africa repeatedly since 1974.

A State Department official indicated to the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee in Washington early this month that the United States would cut its contributions to the United Nations if Israel was barred from the assembly.

Nicholas Platt, acting assistant secretary of state for international organization affairs, said any action denying Israel's right to participate in the assembly "would have the gravest consequences for continued U.S. participation, including financial support and consequently for the future of the U.N. itself." Platt said the Reagan administration strongly sympathized with a house resolution then pending that would call a halt to U.S. funding for the United Nations if Israel was denied its assembly seat.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick told the assembly the current session was part of "an ongoing process whose goals are to delegitimize a member state — Israel, to deny it the right to self-defense, to secure borders, to survival."

Mrs. Kirkpatrick addressed her final remarks, and her warning of dire consequences, directly to the president of the assembly, Ismat T. Kittani of Iraq. "Mr. president," she said, "now much falsification can an institution stand without destroying itself entirely? The world body cannot endure as a moral and political force if its energies are devoted to increasing conflict and conducting vendettas against targeted countries."

Earlier, East European countries blamed U.S. backing for Israel for much of the trouble in the Middle East. East German Ambassador Harry Ott said U.S. support encouraged Israel to intensify aggression and annexation of Arab territories. He said peace in the Middle East would not fit in with the United States' efforts to strengthen its military presence there and that was the reason for repeated U.S. vetoes in the Security Council of resolutions against Israel.

Reagan plans oil import tax

By Charles W. Holmes
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 24 — The Reagan administration is preparing to levy a \$5-\$10 tax on each barrel of imported oil entering the United States. The idea is favored by many of Reagan's key aides and members of Congress, because such a special fee would generate billions of dollars in revenue and help reduce the escalating U.S. budget deficit, expected to hit \$100 billion.

Proponents of the tax also believe that it would maintain a higher price level for foreign oil — a price that has steadily been declining during the past year — and sustain the steady decline in U.S. consumption, thus reducing America's dependence on foreign oil.

American oil companies are split on the idea of an oil import fee. Smaller U.S. producers and major firms like Shell Oil that draw primarily from domestic sources tend to favor the idea, while companies like Standard Oil of California which would have to pay more because of closer ties with overseas suppliers, oppose the tax.

Detractors of the plan say it places too much of a burden on consumers, and the added inflation would be disastrous during the current U.S. recession. Such arguments have placed some oil companies and consumer groups, usually arch enemies, on the same side of this issue.

Opposition to the plan is mounting on Capitol Hill. Rep. John Dingell (D-Mich.), chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, has called the idea a "Robin Hood in reverse" scheme — taking money from consumers and giving it to prospering oil companies.

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Naif inspects Najran area

NAJRAN, April 24 (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif arrived here Saturday on an inspection tour of the Southern Region. Soon after arrival, Prince Naif proceeded to the Frontier Corps Command headquarters and reviewed the progress achieved by the sector in regard to equipment, training and performance. Later on, the prince visited the Najran court where he was received by the president of Najran courts, Prince Naif said his visit comes in response to King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd's directives to inspect the conditions of citizens.

Budget ushers more progress, prosperity

JEDDAH, April 24 — Members of the royal family and cabinet ministers have reaffirmed that huge allocations in the new fiscal budget and its major projects will achieve further progress and prosperity and bring the country in line with the advanced nations of the world.

Al-Riyadh Saturday quoted Prince Miteb, minister of public works and housing also acting minister of municipal and rural affairs, as saying he was immensely happy with the new budget which will help implement a number of giant development programs in the Kingdom.

Interior Minister Prince Naif made a similar statement in which he said the new budget takes the same pattern of welfare and prosperity as that of the previous ones, despite a

Princes, ministers air satisfaction

decline in the state revenue owing to the reduced production of oil. He added that figures of the new budget will tell every citizen how much the state is striving to realize progress and prosperity in the best interest of the country and its people.

Justice Minister Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Sheikh remarked that the new budget will fill a big gap in the country which always looks forward to more progress and development.

Sheikh Hassan Al-Sheikh, minister of

higher education, was happy that all projects in the sector of universities have been approved. He affirmed that this will further boost higher education and encourage educational institutions to make more progress.

Minister of Agriculture and Water Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh stated that the new budget has many projects that focus on the productive sectors, including the sector of agriculture and water. He hoped that the budgetary figures of this sector will be trans-

lated into a tangible reality, bringing welfare and prosperity for the people of this country.

Dr. Ghazi Al-Gosaibi, minister of industry and electricity, was hopeful that the industrial and electricity sectors will witness a big leap this year. The liberal allocations will give a big support to the ministry's projects he said, as a result of new budgetary grants, production will begin in three basic industries complexes in Jubail, which are iron and steel; fertilizers and methanol.

Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman Al-Sulaimi said the new budget is capable of helping the economic sector to continue its activity and will maintain the same level of expenditure as in the previous budget. In addition, the new budget will be instrumental in controlling inflation and stabilizing prices, he said, noting that subsidies for foodstuffs have been increased in the new fiscal year.

Turkish export fair inaugurated

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, April 24 — The Turkish export products fair, Turkey '82 was inaugurated at the Jeddah International Expo Center Saturday evening by Turkish Ambassador Huseyin Celim. It will remain open until May 1.

Nearly 160 Turkish exporters of construction services and materials; furniture and decorative goods; carpets; fabrics and garments; electrical appliances; communication systems; bathroom and kitchen accessories;

fabricated metal products; and foodstuffs, have participated in the fair.

Osman Oktay Elgin, commercial attaché at the Turkish embassy, told Arab News that already 250 businessmen and sales and export managers have arrived to offer various products seeking expanded business.

He said that a 21-member delegation from Istanbul Chamber of Commerce will visit the Kingdom for a meeting with members of Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry. They will visit the industrial city and Jeddah port.

Medical meeting to probe 340 papers

DAMMAM, April 24 (SPA) — Of 340 research papers to be presented at the seventh Saudi Medical Convention by more than 1,500 participants, about 220 will be submitted from inside the Kingdom, according to officials Saturday.

Dr. Abdul Latif Al-Faraidi, head of the information and public relations committee for the conference, said speakers who will present research papers number more than 130 invited from 25 countries.

The fact that the conference will be opened by Prince Abdullah, second deputy president and commander of the National Guard, reflects the importance given to medical and health services in the Kingdom, he said.

Yemeni minister, Jazaeri to confer

RIYADH, April 24 (SPA) — North Yemen's Health Minister Dr. Muhammad Ahmad Kabab arrives here Sunday on a five-day official visit. He will hold talks with Saudi Arabian Health Minister Dr. Hussein Al-Jazaeri on developing cooperation in health services.

The Yemeni minister also will visit a

number of hospitals and medical institutions in the Kingdom.

Meanwhile, North Yemeni Foreign Minister Ali Lutfi Al-Faraj said the outcome of the seventh session of the Saudi-Yemeni Coordination Council was "useful and valuable to further strengthen bilateral cooperation."

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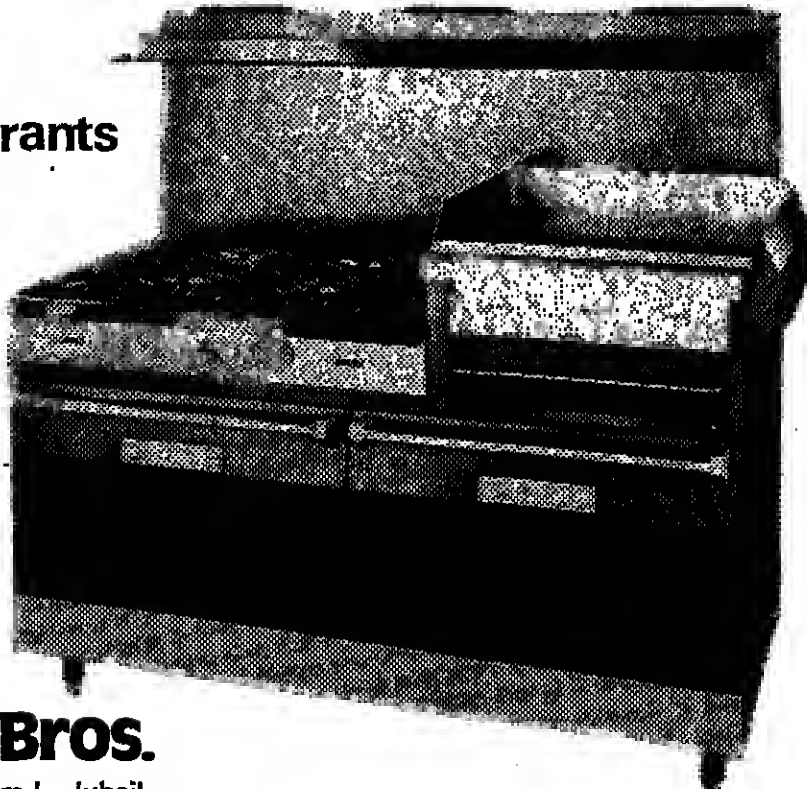
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Sultan to see naval graduation

DHAHRAN, April 24 (SPA) — Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan arrived here Saturday on a few days' visit to the Eastern Province during which he will attend a graduation ceremony of naval students Sunday. He was received by Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jiluwi, the province's governor; Lt. Gen. Sulaiman Al-Shubaili, the province commander; and senior officers.

The graduates, representing the second and third classes of the Technical and Marine Studies Institute of Dammam, will receive the ranks of assistant sergeant. They specialize in electricity, electronics, mechanics, marine arts, supply and administration. They have completed three year courses in various marine sciences and military skills, in addition to academic studies.

On Monday, Prince Sultan will chair a graduation ceremony at King Abdul Aziz Air Base in Dhahran. The base will graduate the 30th and 31st classes from its technical studies institute. The function will be held at the Sultan Sports Complex in the base. A military parade and an aerial demonstration with F-15 fighter planes will be staged by Saudi Arabian pilots.

In another development, Indonesian Defense Minister Gen. Muhammad Yusuf and his delegation returned home Friday concluding a three-day visit to Saudi Arabia. Gen. Yusuf conferred with Prince Sultan. The talks dealt with the fostering of bilateral ties. He was seen off at Jeddah airport by Western Region Commander Gen. Mansour Al-Shuaibi, senior Armed Forces officers and the Indonesian ambassador to Saudi Arabia.

In Riyadh

Agricultural exhibit to open

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, April 24 — Saudi Agriculture '82, the first agricultural, irrigation and agro-industrial show, opens here Sunday with all spaces reserved by 400 exhibitors from 26 countries, according to the organizers.

Al-Dhafa Exhibition Services, which is hosting the four-day show in its exhibition center, said that delegations have come from Australia, Austria, Britain, Canada, Denmark, Holland and the United States. They are joined by independent exhibitors from other countries and many from the Kingdom.

The event will be officially inaugurated by Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh. Participants will display turnkey dairy and poultry

farm systems, greenhouses, livestock, irrigation technology, agricultural machinery and implements, storage systems, veterinary products, seeds, chemicals and pest control systems.

Many of the companies taking part have already carried out successful projects in Saudi Arabia and neighboring countries, according to Al-Dhafa. Others will be displaying technology developed and tested to maximize agricultural production in harsh climates.

The Australians are showing strains of cattle bred to do well in their own arid climate. The Dutch boast the largest single participation covering the entire spectrum of agro-industry including the propagating of stock. Americans are concentrating their exhibits on water technology.

Committee set up for Palestinians

DAMMAM, April 24 (SPA) — An official committee, formed in the Eastern Province upon royal directives, will meet here Monday to discuss assistance to Palestine freedom-fighters in the occupied territory to enable them to encounter Israel's treacherous acts.

The meeting, to be attended by merchants, industrialists and the general public, will explore the possibility of collecting donations through a liaison committee, advertisement in the newspapers and appeal to companies and establishments to give one day's salary from their personnel to help the Palestinian freedom-fighters.

The committee earlier met last week, when it decided to hold a general meeting with merchants, industrialists and citizens and to constitute a committee at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, whose task would be to collect donations for the Palestinian revolutionaries.

Instructors to train in U.K.

LONDON, April 24 (LPS) — Six employees of the Saudi Arabian Institute of Public Administration have started a two-year course at Pitman's College in London to qualify as teachers of secretarial and administrative subjects.

The men have come to Britain under a £250,000 contract signed between the institute and three Saudi banks on the one hand and Sir Isaac Pitman Ltd, the training subsidiary of the Pitman Group, on the other.

Pitman specializes in mounting training schemes to suit individual clients. The teacher training project is believed to be the first which the institute, the training organization of the Saudi Civil Service, has sponsored in the field of office skills.

The three banks involved in the contract — the National Commercial Bank, Al-Saudi Al-Faransi Bank and the Bank of Al-Jazira — also are taking advantage of one of Pitman's special courses for their own staff. The English organization is preparing a teaching program to give the banks' clerical and management staff a specialized working knowledge of English. The company will send teachers to Saudi Arabia to carry out the course.

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Soccer coaches to begin course

RIYADH, April 24 (SPA) — Prince Faisal ibn Fahd, president of youth welfare, opens Sunday an advanced course for Arab football coaches and a seminar on sports medicine.

The course and the seminar have been organized by the Arab Football Federation under the supervision of the International Football Association (FIFA) and the International Union of Sports Medicine.

Drama festival to close

AHSA, (SPA) — The Eastern Province's education department organizes the concluding drama festival at the vocational higher secondary school in Hofuf Sunday. The drama, held at the country level, included many Islamic, historical and cultural items. Prizes will be awarded to the participants.

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Ali hopes Sinai return will help normalization

CAIRO, April 24 (AP) — Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali said Saturday Israel's withdrawal from the Sinai peninsula Sunday would improve Egypt's mood for normalization of relations with the Zionist state.

In a news conference at the foreign ministry, Ali said there were "no difficulties whatsoever" concerning the withdrawal, and added the details of several demarcation points were still under discussion. "I think the Israeli withdrawal in itself will be considered a good mood in our country for the normalization in the forthcoming weeks and years," Ali said.

Israel has expressed dissatisfaction with the pace of normalization and fears that relations will lag after the final withdrawal, with Egypt returning to the Arab fold. Ali appeared to be trying to allay these fears. Egyptian officials privately have said Israel wants a "special" relationship with Egypt while Egypt wants normal relations in accordance with the Camp David treaty.

Ali said the dispute over a 600-1,000 square meter patch of land at Taba, south of

the port of Eilat on the Gulf of Aqaba, would be handled on the basis of agreed principles and would not impede the withdrawal. He said Israeli soldiers and civilians in the Taba area, where Israelis are building a 15-story luxury hotel, would withdraw to the area Egypt recognizes and Egyptian forces would proceed to the area recognized by Israel. The Multi-national Peacekeeping Force (MFO) will move into Taba, and the dispute will be resolved by conciliation or arbitration, Ali said.

Israel, however, has not made public its position on the "principles" mentioned by Ali. Last Wednesday, the Israeli cabinet said Israeli forces would withdraw to the line recognized by Israel.

The foreign minister said all the "differences and suspicions" between Egypt and Israel had been worked out in the past two weeks of intense discussion over Taba and other issues. Ali said there was "red sincerity" on both sides to pursue the Camp David peace process "in good faith."

Ecevit appeal for release rejected

ANKARA, April 24 (AP) — A military tribunal here has rejected an appeal for the release of jailed former Premier Bulend Ecevit, his lawyers reported Saturday.

The lawyers filed the appeal Friday, claiming Ecevit was not likely to run away or destroy evidence and could, therefore, be tried without being under arrest. The former premier was taken into custody and imprisoned April 10 and was formally charged a week later. Under Turkish law, a person is not technically arrested until charges are formally made and a judge issues an arrest warrant.

Ecevit is charged with "injuring Turkey's reputation abroad" with an interview he allegedly gave to a Norwegian paper, *Arbeiderbladet*. If convicted, he faces a minimum prison term of five years. Ecevit has denied giving the interview. Next Thursday, Ecevit goes on trial on a separate charge of violating a military ban against public political statements by former party leaders.

The military prosecutor has charged that Ecevit defied the gag order with a commentary he wrote for the March 22 issue of the West German weekly *Der Spiegel*. In this case, Ecevit faces a three-month prison term.

U.S. military panel arrives in Morocco

FEZ, Morocco, April 24 (R) — A United States military delegation arrived Saturday for the first meeting of a U.S.-Moroccan Military Committee, which is expected to be opened by King Hassan Monday.

The 34-man team is led by Francis West, assistant secretary of defense for international security affairs. The Reagan administration has asked Congress to approve a substantial increase in military aid to Morocco to help it combat fighters in Western Sahara, from the current level of \$45 million to \$100 million for fiscal year 1983, the U.S. Embassy here said.

The proposal follows visits to Morocco by U.S. officials in the past six months, including West, Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger and Secretary of State Alexander Haig. In February, after conferring with King Hassan, Haig said talks would be held to explore the possibility of obtaining transit facilities in Morocco for American military forces in an emergency.

BRIEFS

NICOSIA, (AP) — The Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia (ASALA) vowed Saturday to intensify its operations against Turkey and "its imperialist supporters."

An ASALA statement mailed to local news media also appealed to international public opinion "to support the struggle of the downtrodden Armenian people."

BELGRADE, (AP) — Yugoslav Premier Veselin Djuranovic and Iraqi Trade Minister Hassan Ali, in talks here Friday, called for a quick end to the Gulf war between Iraq and Iran, Tanjug news agency reported.

Boucetta wants special OAU summit on Sahara

CASABLANCA, April 24 (AFP) — The only logical and proper way to defuse the crisis over Western Sahara lies in convening a special summit of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) to decide whether membership is open to sovereign and independent states or not, Foreign Minister of State Muhammad Boucetta said here Friday night.

Neither of those conditions was met by the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic proclaimed by the Polisario Liberation Front, he insisted. "We cannot accept the fait accompli," Boucetta said, referring to the seating of a delegation from the Sahrawi Republic at an OAU ministerial meeting in February, which its backers claim was tantamount to granting membership.

The majority of African countries were with Morocco in refusing recognition to Western Sahara and in seeking to have rego-

lar procedures followed, the minister said.

Boucetta said that the OAU bureau which said in Nairobi Friday that the issue should be left over for tackling by the next ordinary summit conference in Libya later this year had no legal existence. That was because the bureau was set up only to assist the OAU chairman during sabbaticals, but not afterward, Boucetta said, citing an article of the OAU Charter.

But the special commission set up to implement a resolution at the last summit in Kenya last June, for a ceasefire and a referendum in the disputed territory, would play a part, in addition to a special summit, Boucetta added. It could come up with final suggestions for the OAU chairman, which could help save the Pan-African body from breaking up over the Saharan issue, he said.

Chad official urges demilitarization

YAOUNDE, April 24 (AFP) — Any solution to the Chadian conflict would have to include a demilitarization of all political-military factions in the country, including the rebel Armed Forces of the North (FAN) Chadian Economy and Finance Minister Michel Ngangbet Kosonye said here Saturday.

In an interview with AFP, Kosonye said the demilitarization should be carried out by the organization of African Unity (OAU) in the context of its peacekeeping role in Chad. That will be Chad's main settlement proposal to be put forward at a special summit meeting of all OAU heads of state, he said. Chad officially called last week for such a summit.

Kosonye, a close collaborator of Chadian President Goukouni Oueddei, ruled out the possibility that a faction in the

troubled country's coalition government might try to overthrow the head of state. "A coup d'etat would automatically end in cutting Chad in two — the south as one part and the north, the other," Kosonye said.

But he acknowledged that Goukouni was becoming "more and more isolated" within the government, particularly over his refusal to fire Defense Minister Adoum Togo.

Most ministers are reportedly demanding that Togo be sacked, charging that he has allowed arms to fall into FAN's hands and has failed to launch the government's announced offensive against FAN and its leader, former Defense Minister Hissene Habre. Kosonye said that Togo was recognized by the government as "the person responsible for the failure of government troops in their military offensive against Habre's forces."

Pakistani papers call strike for attack on offices

ISLAMABAD, April 24 (AFP) — Supporters of rightist student leader Shabbir Ahmad have threatened the offices of two mass circulation leftist newspapers for alleging that Ahmad may have plotted to hijack a Pakistan International Airlines plane.

To protest the action Friday, the Council of Pakistan Newspaper Editors has called for a strike by all newspapers in the country Sunday, and has demanded strong punishment of the culprits. Meanwhile, several hundred students, including several union leaders, have been detained for holding a protest in Lahore of the two newspaper stories, reports reaching here said.

The demonstration was held to protest reports in the Urdu language newspapers *Jang* and *Newsweek*, which said Ahmad, who is the leader of the Islamic Jamiat Tulba Organization, planned to hijack a Pakistan International Airlines plane during a scheduled flight for Lahore to Peshawar.

According to the reports, a man carrying a pistol was arrested at Lahore airport before he could board the plane on a ticket issued in Ahmad's name. Ahmad, however, told newsmen in Lahore that he had sent a friend to collect his boarding card. A briefcase containing his licensed pistol was to be delivered to the security staff as accompanied luggage, he added. He denied any plans to hijack the airplane.

In another development 3,500 professors and college teachers of government colleges in Pakistan's two provinces of Sind and Baluchistan went on a three-day strike Saturday.

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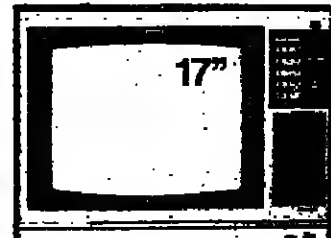
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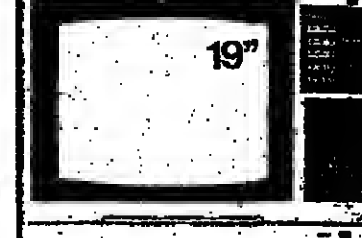
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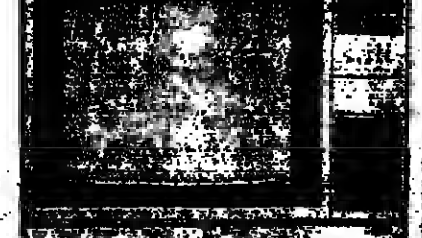
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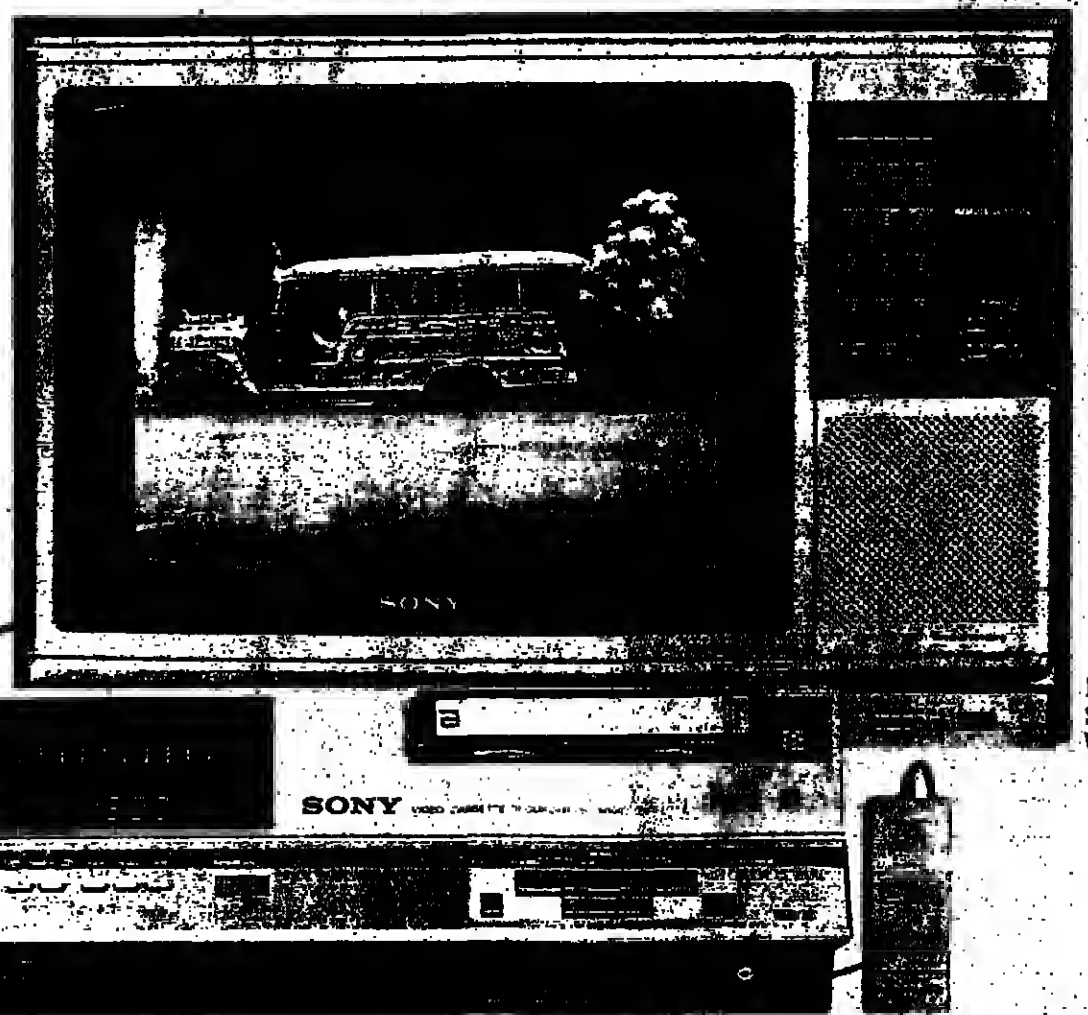
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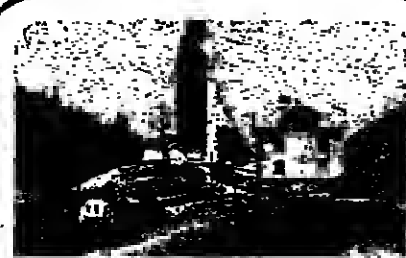
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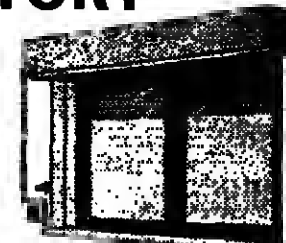
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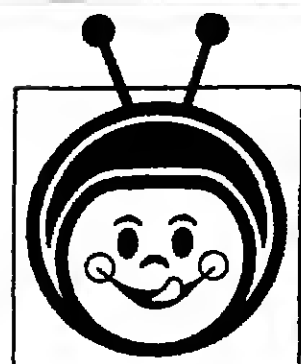
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The United States has publicly threatened to cut off all its contributions to the U.N. and to quit the organization eventually if Israel is debarred from attending General Assembly meetings. This was in response to a privately-circulated Arab and Islamic document seeking to question the credentials of Israel as a peace-loving state.

There is little doubt that the U.S. will be under intense pressure by the Zionist lobby and groups to leave the world body in retaliation for the expulsion of Israel. Conceivably, other Western states will follow suit and quit the U.N. bringing it to an end.

The story of the League of Nations which was established after the war will have been retold because of rank aggression and failure to stem it. In 1933 Japan left the League because it had been condemned for its stark aggression on China and occupation of Manchuria which it converted into a puppet state called Manchukuo. Nazi Germany followed suit when Versailles-imposed restrictions on its armaments were not revoked. The final blow came when Fascist Italy invaded Ethiopia — formerly called Abyssinia — massacred its people and introduced the use of poison gas against Africans resisting colonial control. When the League's sanctions failed to affect Italy, there was little else to do for the remaining members but to pack up and go home. The road to World War II took only four years in the absence of a strong moral authority like a world body.

In the present context, Israel has been occupying and colonizing Palestine, or whatever was left of it in the West Bank and Gaza, Lebanon, Syria and, until recently, Egypt. Egypt paid a heavy price for getting back Sinai with much diminished sovereignty. But Israel shows no intention at all of abandoning the other occupied territories as it pours new immigrants and colonies into them.

The U.S. was not a member of the League but is a principal part of the U.N. It could not have influenced the operations of the League then but it can do something to uphold the moral and political authority at the U.N. by publicly admitting that Israel is wrong just as Mussolini was wrong in invading and occupying Abyssinia and just as the Soviet Union is wrong in invading and occupying Afghanistan. If only the U.S. has the courage of its convictions when it comes to condemning Israel, the U.N. will be a much more respected forum to look up to.

All that we are getting now is Mrs. Kirkpatrick's fulminations against anyone mentioning Israel by name.

Saudi Arabian press review

Saturday's newspapers voiced an optimistic view about development prospects in the country in the coming fiscal year, which just came into effect, in the light of the state budget approved by the government Friday.

Okaz called it a special day and a big stride in the race with time to achieve progress and prosperity for all inhabitants. It said a review of the figures of the new budget, totaling SR313.4 billion, demonstrated several facts all serving the interests of the Saudi citizen.

Al-Madina also said the new budget constituted a new mover illustrating the strides made by the country in various fields.

It added that King Khaled's speech at the special session Friday night during which the budget was approved, reaffirmed the need for cohesion among all citizens to maintain the current pace of development.

Al-Nadwa referred to the

gradual drop in the inflation rate in the Kingdom "at a time it was reaching record figures in other countries." Inflation is estimated at 5-6 percent compared with 7.8 percent previously.

"This indicates that the government's financial and economic policy is successful," it said.

Al-Riyadh said the budget figures showed how keen the Kingdom was to continue the process of modernization and economic and social transformation. The paper described the budget, which it said represented a developed working program, as a full jump in the fields of economic and social development.

Al-Jazirah said the budget figures pointed at "another financial year full of national ambition to cover further and large-scale steps in the field of development and in ensuring prosperity for the people." (SPA)



U.S. troop withdrawal from Europe: the pros and cons

By James O. Goldsborough

Once again U.S. congressional voices are calling for the withdrawal of American troops from Europe. Eleven years after the Senate's defeat of the Mansfield Amendment, which would have brought American troops home on the grounds that the European governments were not paying enough to support them, Congress is considering their recall again — this time to punish Europe for trading with the Soviet Union.

The original amendment, which was proposed by then-Senate majority leader Mike Mansfield, D-Mont., in 1971, was defeated 61-36. But it will not stay dead. As recently as last month, Sen. Howard Baker, R-Tenn., said, "If I were to bring up the Mansfield Amendment, I'm afraid it would start a fire I couldn't put out." Two senators, Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, and John Stennis, D-Miss., are discussing a new resolution that would start the withdrawal of 350,000 Americans now in Europe. Even moderates such as Sen. Gary Hart, D-Colo., are considering it.

"If (the Europeans) feel so secure in their rela-

tionship with the Russians," said Stevens, "then I think it's time for us to re-examine the number of troops we have in Europe."

The "bring the boys home" syndrome is not confined to the Senate. Political commentators like Theodore Draper, Ronald Steel, Irving Kristol and William Safire are advocating a troop withdrawal on the grounds that: 1) Europe can take care of itself, 2) Europe should take care of itself, 3) The operation costs too much, and 4) with the cold war ended and détente alive in Europe, the Americans no longer are needed.

Why, neo-Mansfieldites are asking, should America continue to support troops to defend Western Europe from the Warsaw Pact countries that are rapidly becoming Western Europe's best customer? The recent \$12 billion gas pipeline deal between Moscow and the West Europeans, which the United States opposed but could not stop, will make the East-West trade pattern irreversible.

The neo-Mansfieldites are right in their reasoning that Europe could manage today without American troops, but wrong in their conclusion that

the U.S. should bring them back. That would hurt the U.S. more than the Europeans.

Most of the troops could be brought home without affecting the strategic balance between Western European members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and Warsaw Pact forces. True, the Europeans would have to do something about their weapon deficiencies, particularly tanks, bombers, fighters and nuclear arms, but they already recognize that. Some of their current joint weapons projects — such as the Tornado fighter and a planned Franco-German tank and fighter bomber project — indicate this. So does the new movement about Europe to re-animate the Western European Union as the forum for European defense cooperation without the United States.

The effect of a troop withdrawal on the United States is another matter. No action would be more isolationist. If there is a region in the world where the U.S. has legitimate interests and commitments and where its power ought to be present, it is Europe. It also is one of the few areas in the world where U.S. soldiers actually are wanted. In addition,

the U.S. needs the deterrent link that American nuclear forces provide.

A withdrawal would have a negative effect on the U.S. armed forces, already under attack for abandoning the draft, for being underqualified and undermanned, a "hollow" and "muscle-bound" military force that, in the words of outgoing Chief of Staff Gen. David Jones, concentrates on "weapons systems, techniques and tactics at the expense of sound strategic planning."

If the United States intends to remain a military power, it needs a presence in Europe, even if, as the Mansfield Amendment said, that presence were cut in half. Certainly, nothing is sacrosanct about the present figure of 350,000, but bringing all of the troops home only would lead to their demobilization, further reducing an already weak army.

The Western European NATO nations already have 250,000 more ground troops in Europe than the Warsaw Pact nations have, and 800,000 more men in active service than does the United States. Their reserves total 3.8 million; American reserves are a pitiful 80,000. Clearly, it is not the United States that is keeping Europe militarily fortified; rather, U.S. presence is significant symbolically.

Bringing the troops home would further erode America's already weakened influence in Europe. It would widen the breach in the alliance, which the neo-Mansfieldites might not mind, drive Europe into a cozier embrace with Moscow, which the neo-Mansfieldites profess to oppose, and lock the United States into a frustrating bemispheric isolation that Americans probably would take out in the barefoot revolutionaries of Central America, which the neo-Mansfieldites probably would enjoy. (LAT)

Will America formulate a policy on Mideast?

By Patrick Seale

The Israelis fear it, the Arabs cannot quite believe it, but there are indications that the United States is about to formulate a Middle East policy at last. Such has been its reluctance to do so that *The Washington Post* recently, in its toughest comment so far, spoke of "the virtually complete abdication of responsibility" by the Reagan administration.

When the return of Sinai to Egypt is completed Sunday Washington will have no further excuse to delay action. It is expected to take the form of a diplomatic initiative in early summer to reaffirm that "full autonomy" for the Palestinians in the occupied territories, as laid down in the Camp David accords and agreed to by Israel at the time, remains United States policy.

This may look like small stuff, but in fact, if it happens, it will constitute a direct challenge to Israeli Premier Menachem Begin's actions on the West Bank and in Gaza. In other words, an American-Israeli conflict could be on the cards.

Although Begin agreed to "full autonomy" at Camp David in 1978, his every move since then has indicated a very limited autonomy indeed. He has devoted himself instead to the relentless absorption of the territories into greater Israel, most recently by sucking three elected mayors — the immediate cause of the violent uprising in recent weeks.

To the United States "full autonomy" still means very much what it meant to President Carter four

years ago. That is, a freeze on further Israeli settlements, a strong self-governing Palestinian authority of three dozen members, with real powers over such contentious issues as water rights and police duties, together with voting rights for the Arab inhabitants of East Jerusalem.

Agreement on these issues would, in the American view, launch the five-year transitional period provided by Camp David during which fresh negotiations would be held to determine the final status of the territories.

But America's autonomy program is to begin like a red rag to a bull. On the very morning of the Camp David accords he rejected a freeze on new settlements; he wants a weak municipal-type authority of a dozen members at most; and he utterly excludes any part of Jerusalem from any form of autonomy, claiming that the whole city, including the Arab half, is the capital of Israel.

For four years the American interpretation has gone by default, the Israeli-Egyptian autonomy talks have got nowhere, and Begin has been able to implement his interpretation on the ground. It would be a very considerable setback for him if the Americans were not to press for the application of principles which he thought dead and buried. In his mind at least, Israel's major concession of the return of the whole of Sinai to Egypt was to be rewarded by *carte blanche* in the other occupied territories.

Last January Israel was forewarned that a new

initiative was in the making when, on a visit to the area, U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig, voiced some of his ideas in an attempt to revive the moribund autonomy negotiations. He met a brick wall of resistance in Israel.

It can now be seen that Israeli actions since then — the unseating of the mayors, the encouragement of the "alternative leadership" of the village leagues, the open declaration of war against the Palestine Liberation Organization, the eleven-hour pressure on Egypt before the Sinai handback to sever links with the Palestinian leadership — are all moves to pre-empt the expected American initiative and to protect Israel's gains so far.

In the last few weeks Israel has threatened to invade Lebanon in order to smash the PLO there and has hinted that it might delay the Sinai pullback because of alleged Egyptian complicity in the smuggling of weapons to the PLO in Gaza. Both threats were intended to alarm the American administration, and indeed managed to do so.

But the crises were to some extent artificially induced, intended partly to distract attention from Israeli repression on the West Bank, and, more important, as a display of Israeli leverage in sensitive areas to deter outside powers from meddling. How firm is the American resolve to uphold its own policies? The Middle East is essentially a presidential prerogative. There is little doubt that an initiative is in preparation, but whether it gets off the ground or not depends on how strong Reagan feels this summer. (ONS)

Communist China wooing Third World

"Third World" should unite.

The English-language weekly *Peking Review* recently reiterated this theory, stressing that there was an area of "common interests" between China and Western Europe against the U.S. and the Soviet military buildup. Observers noted that China was singing a different tune a year ago when it called for "unity" among the United States, Japan, China, Western Europe and the third world against Soviet "begemonist" policies.

The most striking Chinese statement in this respect was made during the visit of U.S. Defense Secretary Harold Brown in January 1980, when Sino-American relations were at their height. Deng Xiaoping went so far as to urge that China and the United States take separate but concerted action against the "threat" posed by the Soviet Union.

The shift in China's foreign policy, begun a few months ago, was apparently triggered by the Peking-Washington dispute over the sale of U.S. arms to Nationalist China, Taiwan, observers said. As the dispute grew hotter, Peking began to again take the United States to task for acting like a "superpower" — a word the Chinese use only rarely to refer to the United States.

By vehemently reaffirming its solidarity with the Third World, China is trying to counter Soviet influence and reassure developing countries that might have been upset by its reconciliation with the United States, observers said.

Another party Vice-Chairman Li Xiannian took pains to stress to a visiting delegation of Spanish Communist Party leaders that there was no Sino-American "alliance."

Premier Zhao also told the visiting Somali second Vice-President Hussein Kulmie Afrah last Monday that "facts have shown that the superpowers are bent on controlling, exploiting and invading other countries and Third World countries in particular."

Observers said that it was one of the harshest accusations China has leveled against the United States in a long time. Nevertheless, China has reduced its economic aid to Third World countries at a time when it is stepping up its support for most of their policies on international issues.

"China has replaced its economic aid by a staunch political support. But it always hopes for the same result: to put a check against the Soviet penetration into the Third World," a diplomat from a developing country said here recently. (AFP)

IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, April 25th, the 115th day of 1982. There are 250 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1707 — British forces are defeated at Almanza.

1609 — Britain concludes treaty of friendship with Sikhs at Amritsar in India.

1859 — Austria suppresses revolt in Cracow, Poland.

1864 — London Conference including Britain, Russia, France, Austria and Prussia is assembled to solve Danish question.

1896 — The United States declares war on Spain.

1920 — Supreme allied command assigns mandates of Mesopotamia and Palestine to Britain, and of Syria and Lebanon to France; Poland launches offensive against Russians in the Ukraine.

1945 — Delegates of 45 nations meet in San Francisco, California, to organize United Nations.

1957 — Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev at age 69 indicates he is planning to retire.

1971 — Soviet spaceship lands safely after docking with an orbiting space laboratory.

1973 — The United States sets up talks between Henry Kissinger and Hanoi's Le Duc Tho in Paris aimed at achieving "strict implementation" of Vietnam war ceasefire.

1977 — Jordan's King Hussein and U.S. President Jimmy Carter confer in Washington on Palestinian problem and other Middle East issues.

1978 — South Africa says it has accepted a Western plan aimed at preparing Southwest Africa for independence under black majority rule.

1980 — U.S. President Jimmy Carter announces that during attempt to free American hostages in Iran ended in failure in Iranian desert on previous day, and that eight American soldiers died in the effort.

1981 — Secretary of State Alexander Haig says the United States will stop all trade with the Soviet Union if it invades still-born Poland.

Thought for today:

The grandest homage we can pay to a great man is to use it — Ralph Waldo Emerson, U.S. writer (1803-1882).

Old bullock cart could help revive Sri Lanka economy

By Malika Wanigasumudara

COLOMBO (Depthnews) — It's back to the bullock cart for Sri Lanka, whose growing oil consumption is bearing down hard on its economy. The prescription for the return to the old era when transportation facilities were much simpler and the bullock cart was the only "limousine" around was written by Dr. A.N.S. Kulasinghe, chairman of both the National Engineering Research and Development Center (NERD) and the Central Engineering Consultancy Bureau.

And if Dr. Kulasinghe had his way, the return to the old bullock cart should materialize sooner than later. He is trying to revive the cart as the chief means of transport to wean the country away from its heavy dependence on imported oil.

The bullock cart, the common means of transportation at the turn of the century in Sri Lanka, has virtually disappeared from the streets with the advent of automobiles.

It did put up a battle with the engine-driven automobile during the early part of the century, but it was a losing struggle. The lumbering bullock cart is not only slow and cumbersome but its wheels also damage the bituminized road surface.

As a result, tooting horns, angry drivers and policemen finally pushed it off the main streets and an era was gone.

In the countryside, however, the bullock cart remains a way of life. They transport heavy loads of foodstuffs, building materials and other commodities for people who are not in so much of a hurry, or cannot afford the truck.

But in the urban and metropolitan areas, the good old bullock cart became a piece of antiquity.

About 20 years ago, nobody would think that the bullock cart would survive the march of modernization. Only Dr. Kulasinghe kept his faith in the lumbering transportation facility.

"As long ago as 10 years, I had no doubt that the farm tractor was a luxury a poor country like Sri Lanka could ill-afford. The bullock cart remains an ideal transportation facility in the villages," said Dr. Kulasinghe.

He recalled that at that time, people laughed at him. Now he believes he has had the last laugh.

Dr. Kulasinghe is producing cheap but technically improved and viable bullock carts for agriculture. The design and prototype are being done at NERD in Ekala just outside Colombo. NERD is a government agency.

The cart is cheap to manufacture, easy to fabricate and more durable than the traditional cart, said Dr. Kulasinghe. He added: "It combines the empirical wisdom of the traditional cartwright of bygone days and the

scientific knowledge of the present."

The old cartwrights, painstakingly artisans that they were, used not only their engineering skills, but also their decorative abilities in making their carts.

They had all the time in the world, and this showed in the fine finish that always characterized their carts. Part after part was fashioned out with delicate care at a leisurely pace.

But today, the trade is languishing from lack of market demand. Dr. Kulasinghe feels that with the oil crunch and the Sri Lankans' culture itself, time is on his side. He says that despite imported tractors, fertilizer and nylon shirts, Sri Lankans have not emerged, mentally at least, from the slow trot of the bullock cart. Deep within the Sri Lankan national psyche they are still fascinated by the bullock cart.

Predictably, there are those who entertain serious doubts that a return to the contraption would be the best thing for Sri Lanka, tradition and oil supply problems notwithstanding.

But Dr. Kulasinghe is undaunted. He said that money remained a compelling consideration for every action, and he believes that a reasonably priced and durable bullock cart will find a good market.

He said that a cart could be produced for less than 6,500 rupees (\$416), or 7,500 rupees (\$480) at the most. However, he said that the NERD-designed cart would cost 5,000 rupees (\$320), including a reasonable profit margin for manufacturers.

Dr. Kulasinghe stressed that despite the current easing of the global oil supply, prices of the commodity would go up again, and fuel-pinched Sri Lanka would have to consider the NERD cart design for its own good.

Changes in the design of the bull cart will be introduced. The diameter of the old bullock cart's wheel is considered too wide, thus reducing its traction capability. The wheel will now have steel rims and spokes like that of a bicycle with ball bearings to reduce friction.

The tire will be made of solid rubber. This is another innovation that will allow easy fabrication of the item. Tire-fabrication does not require molds or special skills and will help reduce wear and tear on bituminized roads.

The rubber compound cured under room temperature has been obtained from the Industrial Development Board of Sri Lanka and village workshops can easily manufacture these tires.

The bullock cart chassis is made of laminated cocconut wood cut into strips in the shape of draw bars. NERD plans to produce these carts on a commercial scale through licensing agreements with local manufacturers.

Archeologists book gives a unique look at Arabian Peninsula

Qaryat al-Fau, A Portrait of Pre-Islamic Civilization in Saudi Arabia, by Professor Abdul Rahman Al-Ansary, Chairman of the Department of Archeology and Museology, University of Riyadh, (King Saud University)

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By Aysell Usimata

RIYADH — After ten years of excavation, investigation, and the evaluation of the findings, Professor Abdul Rahman Al-Ansary started to publish the discoveries concerning the work of Qaryat al-Fau. This book, which is, as Professor Abdul Rahman puts it, an "introduction" to the future volumes on the findings, reveals the history of the excavated site and documents all the archaeological remains with explanations and photographs. It is written both in English and in Arabic — the English part is 147 pages and the 89 pages of the photographic reference part are given in both languages. Each section of the explanation has its corresponding photographic reference including site plans and drawings.

The work carried out at the Qaryat al-Fau by the Department of Archeology and Museology, King Saud University is exhibited in the book to "portray the way people lived in a region near the center of the Arabian Peninsula during a brief period of its history," says Prof. Abdul Rahman and to "present a detail from a picture of civilization in Arabia."

Qaryat al-Fau is situated 700 kilometers to the southwest of Riyadh and stands at the Wadi al Dawasir by the Tuwaig Mountains. According to tested samples the city was occupied between the Second century B.C. and the Fifth century A.D., and as the name Qaryat appears in most of the inscriptions found in Southern Arabia, the team thinks that the city was the capital of the State of Kinda.

In the following section of the first chapter Professor Abdul Rahman points out the importance of trade in the lives of the inhabitants of Qaryat, and measuring vessels, traders' official seals, weighing scales and weights are the evidence of their commercial and economic relationships with other oases. Grain, perfumes, textiles and precious stones, which were traded, reflect their high standard of living. Date trees, vines, and grain producing crops showed

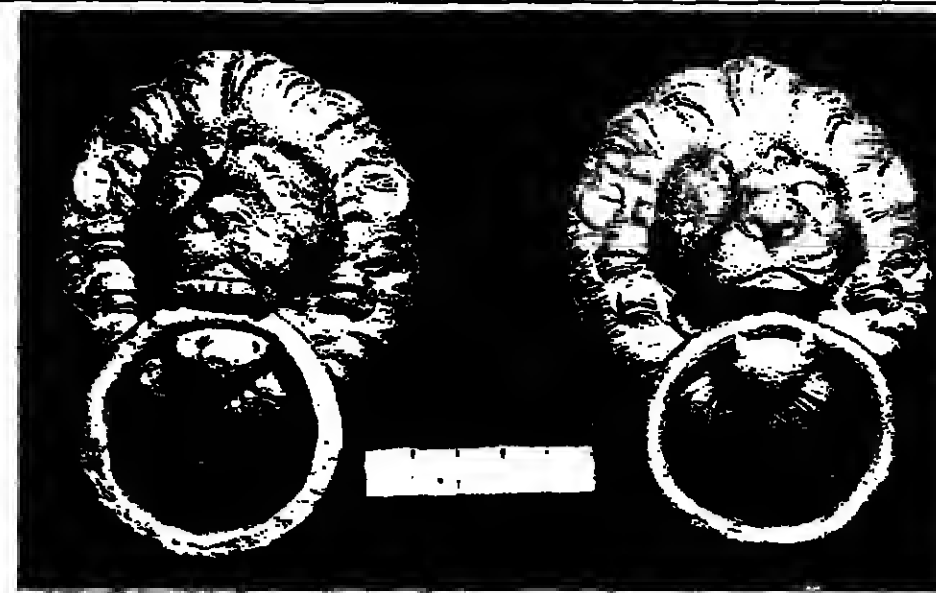
the importance given to agriculture. The inhabitants raised animals and hunted and the bones of camels, cows and goats were found to be used as fuel.

The second chapter is devoted to the archaeological remains which are spread over a large number of mounds. The survey of the architectural elements — the suq, the palace, the temple, the tombs, and the houses that people lived in — and their function enable us to visualize a pre-Islamic Arab town. These are the uncovered remains and mudbricks were found to have been used in the construction of the town.

The suq is surrounded by a wall and seven towers, and the courtyard is lined with shops. The temple of Qaryat al-Fau is the first temple uncovered within the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The similarities seen between the plan of this temple and the plan of the Atrian temple discovered at Altin Tepe in Anatolia supports the idea that the Qaryat Temple is an Arab adaptation of alien cultural influences.

In the sixth season the excavations team concentrated their activities on the residential area which embodies one of the most important features, says Professor Abdul Rahman, the social life. In two months a depth of four meters was reached, and the team found that the site had passed through three successive stages of habitation. The lower parts will be explored next season.

Since pottery and stone implements provide information to determining



LION'S HEADS: These delicate artifacts were some of the finest found by Professor Abdul Rahman Al-Ansary at Qaryat al-Fau.

chronology, during the excavation special attention was given to the work of cleaning, treating, classifying the pottery. Professor Abdul Rahman classifies the pottery as coarse, fine and glazed. As it is seen in the book, the glazed pottery, in general appearance, resembles the Greek and Roman amphora; however, the author calls attention to decorative elements on them which were taken from their environment. The vessels made of steatite or soapstone, the substance found in nature in that area, were used as utensils for cooking, for perfume storage and for food storage. Professor Abdul Rahman mentions that on treasure was uncovered during the excavation.

The book exhibits fascinating unearthed fragments of statues made of metal, sandstone, limestone, marble and clay. Prof. Ansary emphasizes the point that the artists

sculptors of Qaryat were able to blend foreign influences with their own characteristics. One of the most striking statues discovered was the bronze statue of a winged child wearing a crown. The winged child is found in the ancient Near East, but indicating the "pendant" on his chest. Professor Abdul Rahman says that this one is fashioned in the Arabian style.

The author draws attention to the fragments of human statues as evidence of the excellence of the sculptors' art and attainment — such as arms, feet, and fists. A bronze statue of a dolphin, found in the temple, and two lions' heads cast in copper are mentioned as the interesting animal statues.

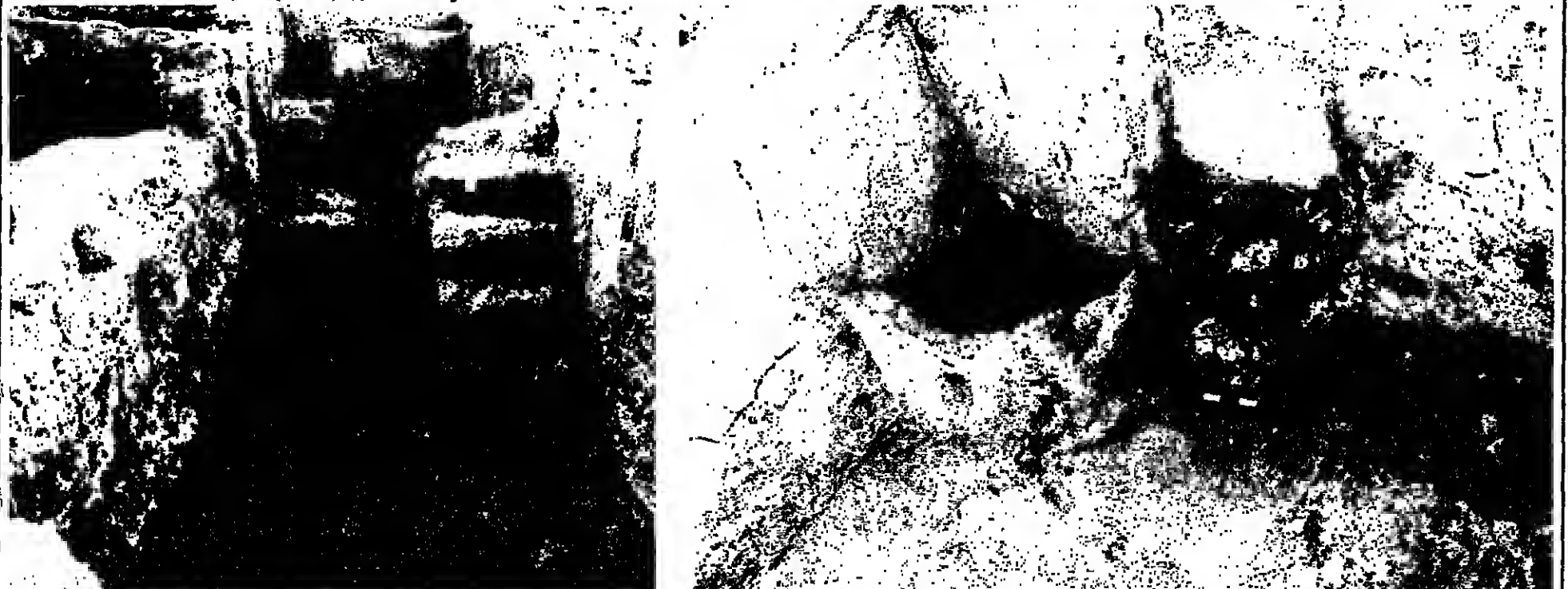
The team discovered that the artists in the Arabian Peninsula showed great interest in recording their observations of everyday life as well as imaginary creations. The finest engraved rock panels the team found represent dancing groups of people, date palms, fruit picking and domestic and wild animals.

The engravings on the walls gave the team the impression that they were the work of commissioned artists and the scenes were required by the inhabitants; an atelier of such an artist was found in the market. The most exciting works of the artists which were in the palace were transported with great effort by the team to the Faculty Museum to be restored.

As an authority on the South Arabian script, Professor Abdul Rahman has a lot to say in the section on "inscriptions". According to him, Mushad was the official writing of the ancient Qaryat al-Fau, and trade brought the Nabataean Aramaic and the Pahlavi Aramaic writings. Due to the city's commercial and political roles writing was a pressing need, says he, and demonstrating the great numbers of inscriptions found on the mountain slopes, on camel bones, on coins, on vessels, on tombs and on statues.



ANCIENT INSCRIPTION: This rock carving was found at Qaryat al-Fau during excavation work by a team from the Archeology Department at King Saud University of Riyadh.



DIG SITE: These excavations show the work completed in recent years by the King Saud University teams. More artifacts are thought to be deeper and will be excavated as the project continues.

Primitive therapy resulted in today's shadow puppetry

By Sofia Wu

TAIPEI, (CNA) — With the industrialization of the island, shadow puppet theater, a pillar of Taiwanese folk arts, has declined over the past two decades. This art, however, has of late been the object of some international attention.

The full Chinese name of shadow puppets is "leather shadow opera". The "leather" refers to the material of which the puppets are made.

Shadow puppets are performed by using sticks and threads to control the movements of the leather figures; the rays of a lamp cast their shadow on a white screen. The puppets never appear before the screen.

The puppets are entirely articulated at the wrist, elbows, waist and knees. They are manipulated with three sticks: one at each wrist



PUPPET CONSTRUCTION: A skilled puppet craftsman designs one of Taipei's shadow puppets by hand from leather.

and a third at the back between the shoulders. The heads of the puppets, which are inserted between the shoulders are interchangeable. By substituting one head for another, the puppeteer can easily multiply the number of characters in his repertoire.

The origins of the shadow puppet can be traced as far back as the Han Dynasty some 1800 years ago. When Emperor Wu's favorite consort Madame Li died, the passionate monarch fell seriously ill. He was confined to bed and could neither eat nor sleep.

A Taoist priest from Shantung province named Li Shao-woeng claimed that he could summon back the spirit of the dead. The priest was seated behind a gauze screen while the emperor was placed on the other side with instructions not to go near the screen. A dim candle was lit and a girl who resembled the deceased was brought into the room, her shadow cast onto the screen. The old emperor was overjoyed at seeing his beloved approach him on the screen and was cured as a result.

Looking at this phenomenon with our modern scientific knowledge, it was nothing more than an illusion created from shadows and lights. But out of this primitive psychotherapy, the art of shadow puppets was born, for it is this same principle that is used in the shadow puppet theaters.

Chang Te-cheng, head of the East China Shadow Opera troupe of Tashe in Kaohsiung county in southern Taipei, is the fifth generation of Taiwan's hereditary shadow puppet theater tradition. He and his group went to the United States in 1973 for a three-month performance tour.

Following that milestone, shadow puppet lovers from abroad have gone all the way to Tashe to see Chang and arrange for more overseas appearances.

At the Hong Kong Arts Festival last year, Chang and the East China troupe were a big hit. They have been invited back a second time for this year's festival.



PUPPET SHOW: Shadow puppets utilize light to make their animated antics seem almost real.

'Pre-rock' radio station programming catches on, attracts 'older adults' in the 30-and-over group

By Paul Richter

HOLLYWOOD (LAT) — Donna Phillips' letter to Hollywood's KPRZ AM radio came with a pink-flowered border and an unequivocal message: "I am truly the world's worst letter writer, so this is a real effort. But I must tell you that you are the best thing since indoor plumbing," gushed the Los Angeles grandmother.

As far as the station was concerned, it was the right message from the right correspondent. For last October, KPRZ gambled by dropping its longtime format in favor of a relatively unproven musical mix designed to attract older adults — the easily digestible pop fare of the 1940s, '50s and '60s.

The format is called "pre-rock." And its sudden popularity is a sign of the way financially pressed AM radio stations have increasingly aimed their programming at adults ages 30 and older as younger listeners have forsaken AM for the fuller stereo sounds of the rock-dominated FM band.

The adult-oriented formats of country music, news and talk, and blends of nostalgic music, have begun to draw increasing numbers of listeners and advertisers to AM-band stations as AM stations' profits have been eroded by the strength of FM rock competitors.

To be sure, long-established AM stations continue to earn top dollar and claim top ratings in Los Angeles, New York and other principal markets. But combined profits of the nation's 4,600 AM stations fell to about \$42 million in 1980 from \$172 million in 1978, estimates the Radio Information Bureau, a private consulting firm. In the same period, the net income of the nation's 3,200 FM stations climbed to \$91 million from \$24 million, the New York-based firm estimates.

To even up the battle of the bands, the Federal Communications Commission

recently authorized AM stations to begin broadcasting in stereo, as FM stations have done for more than a decade.

Yet many experts believe that even with stereo, AM will not recapture its former top position, because FM signals carry a better sound, and because young listeners' habits are now set.

"Just about no one under 30 listens to AM radio," the entertainment-trade magazine *Billboard* said in a recent issue.

FCC officials, among other industry-watchers, say there is a good chance that many AM stations will go out of business in the next year because of the swing in listener habits.

Boosters of the adult-oriented formats, however, say the segregation of the radio bands by age group need not be such a bad thing for AM.

They say, as have other advertising experts, that it is older adults who now have the earning power and free-spending inclinations that light up advertisers' eyes. About two-thirds of U.S. family income is earned by families whose breadwinner is between 35 and 65 years old. Members of this group are more likely to spend their income and savings than they were even 10 years ago, advertising experts have found.

And older adults have been shortchanged — "musically disenfranchised" — by radio since the late 1960s, when a new and harder rock overwhelmed the airwaves with its megadecibel assault, the AM boosters maintain.

"In the '50s, music was taken away from the people," says Al Ham, a bubbly one-time bass player with Artie Shaw who may be the principal beneficiary of pre-rock's popularity.

Ham, 57, began marketing a format he called "music of your life" in 1979. Last spring he began a similar campaign on KPRZ

stations, including KPRZ, have picked up his Huntington, Conn.-based firm's format, about two-thirds of them in the last year.

The stations pay between \$650 and \$4,000 a month, depending on market size, to get taped reels of the music, along with detailed instructions for disc jockeys and promotional material.

The format includes the music of big bandsters Glenn Miller, Jimmy Dorsey and others, along with pop vocalists Rosemary Clooney, Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett and singers of a more recent vintage. Songs like *In The Mood*, *Sentimental Journey* and *Sardus* are the heart Ham's format.

There are a few fore recent tunes, like Sinatra's "My Way." But, as the name suggests, the first purpose of "music of your life" is to recall older listeners to the sunny days of their youth.

Its success is reflected in the recent appearance of a handful of similar formats. TM Productions Inc., a subsidiary of Roy and Patty Disney's Los Angeles-based Shamrock Broadcasting, began offering its "for the good times" music format last April. More than 30 stations now subscribe.

Drake-Chenault Enterprises Inc., which claims to be the largest programming syndicator with 300 subscribing stations, recently began offering a format featuring the non-rock hits of the 1950s through the 1970s. Its principal musicians include Perry Como, Nat (King) Cole and Barbara Streisand.

Six stations have adopted the format, which is aimed at a "middle-escant" audience of 40 years and older.

The syndicators pitch their products to prospective clients by pointing to successes among stations that have adopted the format.

For example, KPRZ radio, which is owned by the Rochester, N.Y.-based Gannett Co. Inc. media chain, has reported a 100 percent

Station Manager John McLaughlin says advertising came primarily from sellers books, records and other articles. Annual revenues totaled a respectable \$1.3 million, he says, but station's audience share was less than 0.1 percent.

That means its audience-share was too small to appear on the all-important Arbitron Co. ratings, on which most radio advertisers rely in selecting a station.

Since the new format was adopted, the station's music and folksy disc jockeys have been able to broaden the advertising base to include such firms as supermarkets, airlines and weight-reducing saloons.

McLaughlin says that this year he expects to gross \$3 million and capture a rating of 2 percent. The figure would mean that KPRZ has 2 percent of the Los Angeles-area listenership ages 12 and older between 6 a.m. and midnight Monday through Sunday.

Such a share is not insubstantial in a market where first-ranked KABC-AM claims a rating of 8 percent.

So far this year, KPRZ's earnings are 20 percent of revenues, he says, for a projected profit of \$600,000.

By comparison, U.S. radio stations averaged profits of \$15,600 on revenues of \$376,600 in 1980, down from profits of \$26,400 on revenues of \$321,300 in 1978, the industry's most profitable year.

Other stations have turned to pre-rock from background ("beautiful") music, rock-olides and disco formats. Several have moved to pre-rock in a last-ditch effort to avert financial disaster.

KLFF-AM, a Phoenix top-40 station, adopted the format in February 1981, after years of losses. The turnaround was not

Indian bonded laborers paid in poisonous seeds, hundreds suffer effects of lathyrus disease

By Ajay Bose

NEW DELHI (G) — Hundreds of agricultural laborers in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh have been crippled by a vicious disease known as lathyrism, caused by the daily consumption of highly toxic lathyrus seeds.

A recent survey conducted by a Delhi based social research organization, the Gandhi Peace Foundation, has revealed that the laborers are forced to eat these deadly seeds because they are the only payment they receive for toiling on the fields of the village landlords.

The foundation has now filed a petition in the Supreme Court asking it to take immediate action to stop the illegal exploitation of the workers, many of whom are bonded laborers.

The foundation's research team found that in three villages of Rewa district alone, there are as many as 63 families afflicted with the dreaded disease which causes complete paralysis of the legs. In 1980-81, at least 100 cases of lathyrism were reported in just this district.

Nearly all victims are poor and landless, and totally dependent on daily wages which they receive in kind, despite a law stipulating a minimum payment of seven rupees (75 cents) per day.

For a day's back-breaking labour, the workers receive slightly over one and a half kilograms of poisonous lathyrus seeds. The seeds are ground and baked into a kind of bread or boiled into a gruel which form the staple diet of the laborers.

India is one of the two countries in the world (the other being Ethiopia) which has not banned the cultivation of this highly toxic plant. In fact, the foundation's survey reveals that in Rewa district, lathyrus plants are cultivated on as much as 44 percent of the land under foodgrain.

In large parts of Madhya Pradesh, farmers have no irrigation facilities and are dependent on the rains for cultivation. Lathyrus grows easily and is therefore planted as a fallback crop.

This season, the farmers expect a poor harvest because of a hail storm which destroyed many crops. Only the lathyrus plant is expected to survive and another outbreak of lathyrism is feared this summer.

A new danger is that unscrupulous traders were buying lathyrus seeds and using its power to adulterate besan (a type of flour) and selling it to unwary customers in other states as well.

Although, the dangers of consuming the seed has received widespread publicity, the Madhya Pradesh government has so far not

taken any action.

While the use of lathyrus in foodstuffs is banned in most other states, there is no such ban in Madhya Pradesh. Nor does the state government propose to ban cultivation of the seed.

A government spokesman recently claimed that lathyrus, if consumed with other pulses is not poisonous, although it is a well-known fact that even a third of lathyrus in a regular diet, can lead to paralysis.

The other major finding of the Gandhi Peace Foundation survey, is that bonded labor which was banned in India seven years ago, continues to flourish in Madhya Pradesh. According to the survey, the state

accounts for over a fifth of the total 2.5 million laborers who are still in bondage all over the country.

A research team of the foundation, located as many as 547 bonded laborers in one district alone. Most of them had taken paltry loans ranging from a hundred (\$11) to a thousand (\$110) rupees but were unable to pay them back since they were not paid their wages in cash. The laborers were then forced to sell themselves and their families to the moneylenders.

In reply to a petition by the foundation, the Supreme Court has now ordered the Madhya Pradesh government to furnish details of both the incidence of lathyrism as well as the number of bonded laborers in the state.

Bilharzia's effects hit Egyptians

CAIRO, (AFP) — One out of four Egyptians, and perhaps one out of three, suffers in a various degree from the age-old affliction of bilharzia which is a major obstacle to all development plans. Bilharzia saps the strength of the patient, and enfeebls the labor force on a nation-wide scale.

The disease was mentioned as long ago as 1900 B.C. in the Kahum papyrus, although its

modern name was given by the German scientist Theodore Bilharz in 1851 following research in Egypt. Bilharzia is a parasitic disease transmitted by water. It has been a curse for Egypt for thousands of years. If left untreated it will lead to cancer and death.

French researcher Guy Ellena, with the help of Egyptian colleagues, recently tried to evaluate the impact of bilharzia on Egypt's national economy.

He chose to go to the village of Sanadid (population: 7,500) in the Nile Delta whose inhabitants are 80 percent dependent on agriculture and therefore have large irrigated areas of land to look after.

Initial findings showed that the worst afflicted by bilharzia were the very ones who spent most of their time in the water.

Two Egyptian weekly magazines have estimated that the annual loss to Egypt's economy from bilharzia was about 300 million Egyptian pounds (about \$370 million). But experts believe this figure is too high.

Everybody who has studied the ravages of bilharzia agrees that the disease is a considerable penalty for a state needing a healthy, well-trained labor force to modernize its economy.

The managers of the Mehalla el Kubra textile plants in the Nile Delta have fully understood this point, and they have provided systematic anti-bilharzia treatment to those workers needing it.

One of Egypt's leading private firms insists that a new worker must produce a certificate of good health before being employed.

But as the *Rose El Youssef* noted the new development projects are modifying irrigation systems and adding to bilharzia dangers.

It urged that clean drinking water be installed in all villages — a backbreaking task at present, for many of them are without such a necessary facility.

MEGADOSES OF VITAMINE E FOR LEG CRAMPS

STOP KILLING YOURSELF

By Peter J. Steincrohn

M.D., F.A.C.P.

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: A friend has suggested that I take what she calls megadoses of vitamin E to relieve my leg cramps. I'm thinking of taking at least 1200 units a day. Can this be harmful? — Mrs. J.

Dear Mrs. J.: First, let your doctor study the reason for your cramps. Are they worse when walking? The circulation of your leg arteries may be impaired.

The popularly accepted benefits of vitamin E continue to be denied by many medical authorities. Besides, vitamin E is present in adequate amounts in most diets.

Here are some of the symptoms and reactions to overdosage with vitamin E: excessive fatigue, hypertension, thrombophlebitis, headache, dizziness, vaginal bleeding, nausea, diarrhea, hypoglycemia, urticaria.

There may also be some aggravation of diabetes and angina pectoris — and a decrease rate of wound healing. Better think it over, Mrs. J., before treating yourself with megadoses of vitamin E.

MEDICALLETTERS

(Replies to and from readers)

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: I am 43 and have had a hysterectomy. Also removal of both ovaries. My family doctor and surgeon both believe I should take estrogens. Especially so since my ovaries have been removed. But isn't there a danger of cancer of the uterus? — Mrs. V.

Dear Mrs. V.: One risk must be weighed against the other. Chances are taking estrogens will lessen the risk of hip fracture due to osteoporosis.

Low estrogen doses and close supervision by your doctors will lessen the danger of endometrial cancer of the uterus and breast cancer. Such are some of the reasons why your doctors are recommending estrogens.

For Mr. H.: All statistics aren't bad. I agree that some are reason enough for nightmares. But consider the recent study reported by the American College of Surgeons that survival rates for the most common cancers has improved as much as 11 percent between 1969 and 1979.

Lung cancer survival improved from 9 percent in 1969 to 11 percent in 1979; breast cancer went from 65 percent to 73 percent. The main reason for these improvements? Earlier diagnosis and improved forms of therapy.

For Mr. C.: Yes, it's true. Another method for treating the pain of angina is the use of nitroglycerine ointment. The drug is applied to abdomen or chest.

Some patients obtain complete protection from pain. However, some complain of headache, but not severe enough to discontinue the drug.

Tomorrow: New methods of treating heart attacks.

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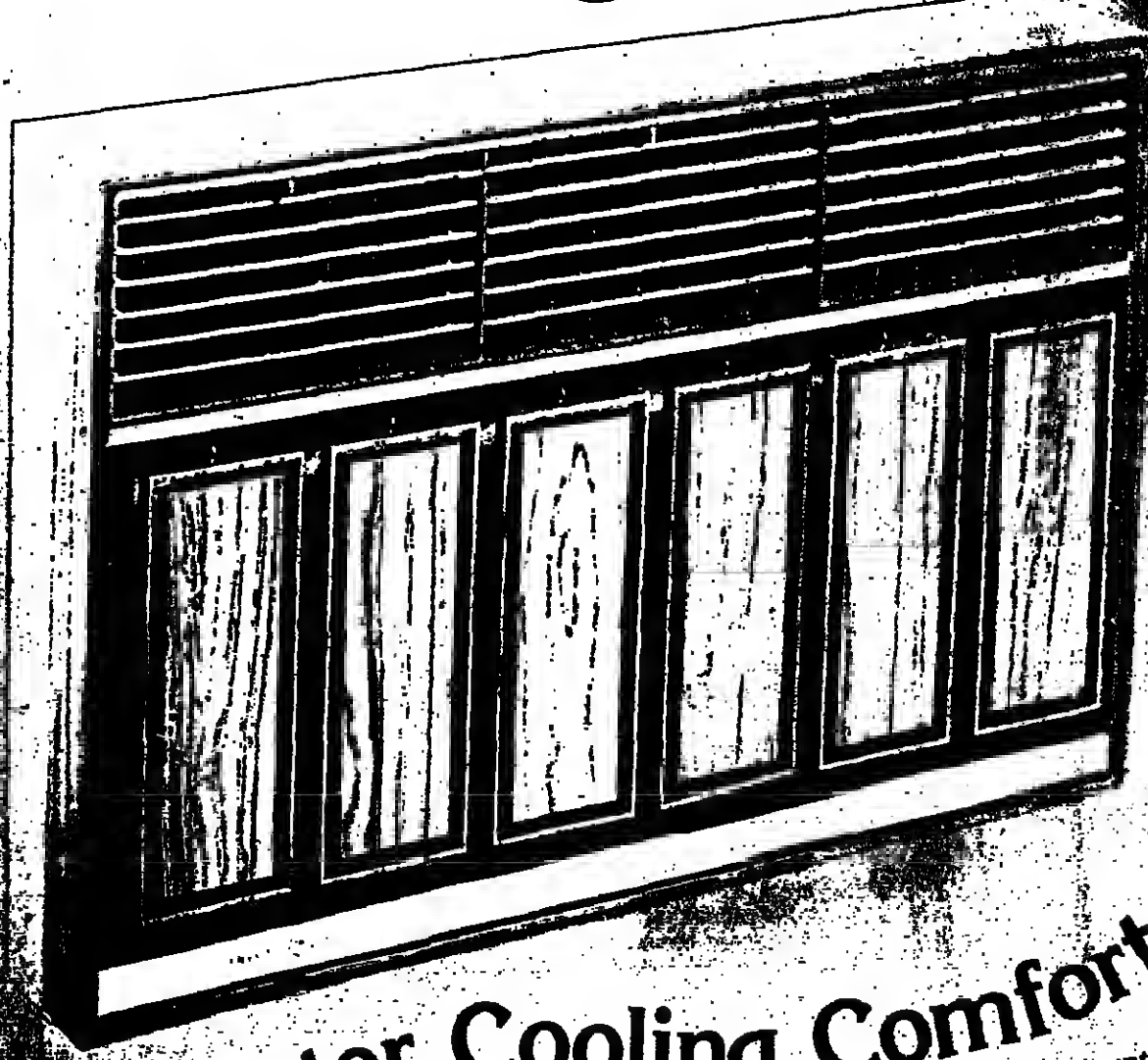
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U.S. budget accord eludes negotiators

WASHINGTON, April 24 (R) — White House and Congressional budget negotiators met again Friday and broke up without agreement on a compromise fiscal 1983 budget.

Another meeting was tentatively set for Sunday. Neither Republicans nor Democrats made a public statement about the talks, but a Congressional source said the group discussed various tax measures as a key to reducing projected budget deficits.

Meanwhile, as the tussle over the budget continues, Reagan administration's campaign against inflation is beginning to show signs of yielding results, the heavy burden it has imposed on Americans has caused palp-

able discomfort both in Congress and across the nation.

The drop of 0.3 percent in the U.S. consumer price index for March, announced Thursday, was the first monthly decline in the U.S. cost of living for 17 years.

It was welcomed as good news by the White House, for the priority goal set by President Ronald Reagan when he took office in January of 1981 was to bring down inflation, then running at 12.4 percent.

Today, nevertheless, Americans have the added worry of a continuing recession, constantly rising unemployment, and drastically trimmed-back social programs.

U.S. airlines face bleak future -- CAB

NEW YORK, April 24, (R) — Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) chairman Dan McKinnon has expressed doubts about the future of several U.S. airlines, but said he would not recommend any government rescue plan.

In a speech at a meeting of the New York Society of Securities Analysts Friday, he said: "The carriers and their employees must recognize that the government cannot afford, and would never recommend any form of bailout for an airline."

McKinnon told reporters after the meeting that CAB might consider before the end of July an alternative proposal to transfer Braniff International Corporation's Latin American routes to another airline, other than Pan American World Airways.

Pan Am, which has proposed to pay \$30 million to lease Braniff's South American routes for four years, already has routes to the area. McKinnon said American airlines' offer to subsidize Braniff's Latin American operations was "an interesting concept," but added that the Braniff competitor needed to supply details of the plan. Braniff has denounced the proposal by its arch rival American airlines, calling it barely concealed attempt at keeping Braniff in financial difficulty.

India seen relying on external aid

NEW DELHI, April 24 (AFP) — The Indian economy will have to rely increasingly on external financing through the 1980s because of the country's large balance-of-payment deficit and falling reserves, the World Bank has said in a confidential report.

But the report, sent to members of the Aid-India Consortium due to meet in Paris in June, also commended India for opening its economy and for a general economic improvement in the country.

It estimated that Indian exports would reach \$10 billion in 1982-83, \$11.6 billion in 1983-84 and \$13.5 billion in 1984-85.

Indian imports were projected at 17.6 billion in 1982-83, \$20 billion in 1983-84 and \$21.7 billion in 1984-85.

The report also said India's current account deficit would be highest in 1984-85, when it is expected to reach \$5.2 billion, more than double that estimated in 1981-82.

Wall Street Gloom on economic front fails to rattle mart

NEW YORK, April 24 (A) — While bad U.S. economic news has been dominating the headlines, the stock market has quietly put together a run of six consecutive, weekly gains since mid-March.

The rally has produced few fireworks. In only two of the 30 sessions since it began has the Dow Jones industrial average recorded gains of 10 points or more.

But what it has lacked in drama it has made up for in durability by the reckoning of William Lefevre, analyst at Purcell, Graham and Co., the last time the Dow Jones industrials average rose six weeks in a row was in the fall of 1972.

Going further back in the record books, Lefevre turned up another six-week string of gains in late 1962, following the resolution of the Cuban missile crisis. From the high 500s that fall, he noted, the Dow climbed to 995 by February of 1966.

"I think maybe this is the start of some-

thing," he ventured. In the past week, the average, which comprises 30 blue-chip stocks, rose by 18.74 to 862.16. That extended its gain since March 12 to 64.89 points.

Elsewhere on the market, the New York Stock Exchange composite index climbed .99 to 68.25, and the American Stock Exchange market value index was up 1.65 at 275.80.

Big Board Volume average 74.4 million shares a day, against 48.38 million the week before.

As the market's advance has progressed, a good many Wall Streeters have dismissed it as a typical rally in a bear market "without much long-term significance."

If it is going to amount to anything more, they say, it will have to overcome such formidable obstacles as the recession, persistent high interest rates, and weak corporate earnings.

In rebuttal, Lee Edelman, director of research at Dean Witter Reynolds Inc., pointed out that interest rates have in fact "come down substantially from the peak of last fall, and he believes they will come down a lot more in the coming year or so."

About the only current plus for the market is evidence of the continuing unwinding of inflation. On Friday, the government reported that the consumer price index fell 0.3 percent in March for the first monthly decline since 1965.

The index rose only 0.3 percent in January and 0.2 percent in February.

"The double-digit inflation of recent years has indeed been whipped," the Value Line Investment Survey said in its quarterly review of the economic outlook. The investment advisory service added, however, that the long-term inflation outlook remains clouded.

U.N. conference to vote on sea law

UNITED NATIONS, April 24 (AP) — The U.N. conference on the law of the sea decided Friday to stop negotiating and start voting Monday on amendments to the proposed general treaty on sea law that it has been working on for over eight years.

The decision to vote, reached by general consent, came after the conference president, Tommy Koh of Singapore, reported that his talks with delegates had convinced him that efforts to reach an agreement on controversial amendments have been exhausted.

The timetable of the conference calls for it to finish next Friday, but it can be extended if more time is needed to complete its work. The treaty would give coastal countries a territorial sea extending 12 miles offshore, an exclusive economic zone running on to 200 miles offshore and mining rights to the con-

tinental shelf. It would provide for freedom of navigation in all those areas and also through straits.

The deep sea would be declared the common heritage of mankind and the mining of seabed nodules containing manganese, nickel, and cobalt would be shared between national firms and an international enterprise. The enterprise would be run by an international seabed authority.

President Koh presented a plan to help see to it that so-called pioneer investors in seabed mining — consortiums or countries that have already sunk money in it — would be sure to get places to mine.

His plan envisaged 16 areas for the first mining. It would set aside eight of them for the enterprises and divide the other eight among the consortiums or countries that have invested with a view to seabed mining.

U.S. banks lend Taipei \$1.9b

TAIPEI, April 24 (CNA) — There have been altogether 33 loans totaling \$1.9 billion from the Export-Import Bank of the United States and other American commercial banks to the Republic of China since 1979, according to an expert on American banking affairs.

Among the loans, 12 were from the Export-Import Bank amounting to \$765 million while the remaining 21 loans coming to \$1.1 billion were from other American banks, the expert added.

The huge loans showed that American bankers and businessmen have confidence in the Republic of China and are trying to either make loans to or invest in the country although there are no diplomatic relations between the United States and China, he pointed out.

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Sequel to changes in energy use

Reagan aide rules out oil boom

By Nan B. Anthony
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 24 — The current weak oil market is not expected to improve significantly in the next three to six months, despite an expected upward trend in the industrialized economies, according to a Reagan administration energy spokesman.

"This is largely due to the fact that oil consumers and investors responded to price shocks ... by increasing energy efficiency and substituting other fuels for oil," Dennis O'Brien, deputy assistant secretary for international affairs in the Department of Energy told members of the U.S. Senate Energy Committee.

"These structural changes in the use of energy in industrialized countries have

played an important role during the 1980-82 oil market and will continue to do so over the long term," O'Brien said.

The accelerated liquidation of inventories has also contributed to the steep decline in oil prices. Additionally, the availability of oil supplies from non-OPEC sources, especially the North Sea and Mexico, has risen. Non-OPEC production increased from 20.7 to 22.0 million barrels per day in the period from 1979 to 1981 and is expected to rise to 22.7 million barrels per day in 1982.

"OPEC has responded to these market pressures by deciding to maintain prices and to cut production according to a prorating system adopted at their March 19 meeting," O'Brien said.

OPEC countries voted to limit production to 18 million barrels per day. Saudi Arabia

decided independently to reduce its own production which dropped the April OPEC production ceiling to 17.5 million barrels per day.

This new quota system was the first in the history of OPEC to be agreed on by the membership and will be subject to review at the next regularly scheduled meeting in Quito, Ecuador in May.

Petroleum experts told the Senate committee that the impact of the OPEC decision will depend primarily on the volume of international oil consumption, the current level of surplus commercial inventories and the ability of OPEC to maintain production levels.

It was the general consensus of all the witnesses — from both government and private industry — that the willingness of Saudi Arabia to hold the line on production will be central to the recovery of the market in the long run.

"Under current market conditions, the OPEC decision to cut production to 17.5 million barrels per day is probably more important as a means to influence market psychology than as a means to redress the actual imbalance between supply and demand," Secretary O'Brien said.

He also told the senators that the longer low production levels remain in effect, the greater the internal strains within OPEC are likely to be and the greater are the chances of a significant price break on the part of the several OPEC producers.

Japan defers lifting curbs on imports

TOKYO, April 24, (R) — Japan has postponed plans to announce more liberal import procedures for food and other products, Chief Cabinet Secretary Kiichi Miyazawa said Saturday.

The liberalization plan has met strong political opposition here as thousands of flag-waving Japanese farmers Friday demonstrated in front of the U.S. Embassy in protest against American demands for Japan to ease agricultural import rules.

Miyazawa told a news conference that a meeting between the government and the ruling Liberal Democratic Party scheduled for next Monday to discuss the package had been canceled.

This meant that a scheduled May 7 meeting of economic affairs ministers could not be held to adopt the new measures. They are planned as the second such package in three months in Japan's efforts to defuse demands by the United States and the European Economic Community that open its markets.

Miyazawa said the meeting of the economic affairs ministers will be held next month, shortly before the summit of the seven major industrial nations to be held in Versailles from June 4 to 6.

2 U.S. oil firms profits plummet

NEW YORK, April 24 (AP) — Texaco Inc., the United States' third largest oil company, said Friday that profits for the first three months of 1982 fell 44 percent from a year ago because of weak demand for petroleum products and the high cost of crude oil.

Also reporting sharply lower earnings was Occidental Petroleum Corp., the country's 13th largest oil company.

Texaco said it was hurt by weak demand for oil products and the high cost of crude oil. Its profits dropped to \$367 million or \$1.41 a share from \$658 million, or \$2.45 a share, in the first quarter last year. Revenue slipped to \$7 billion from \$15.5 billion.

Occidental said its earnings plunged 76 percent, partly reflecting inflated results of a year earlier due to several special circumstances.

Jaruzelski lists major goals

LONDON, April 24 (AFP) — Polish leader Wojciech Jaruzelski closed a two-day plenary meeting of the Polish Communist Party's central committee that had focused on economic problems, Warsaw radio, quoted by the British Broadcasting Corporation, announced.

Gen. Jaruzelski, who spoke for 90 minutes Friday, defined the party's objectives for the safeguarding of external security, internal law and the ensuring of everyday needs for all.

These goals, the party and government leader said, would be attained in three stages. The first, he explained, was the next few months, the second the next three years, with a final long-term stage leading all the way up to 1990.

Warsaw radio said that to discussions within nine working groups, the central committee had not avoided sharp discus-

sions, notably on threats to planned economic reforms.

Among such threats, the radio listed excessive overwork for managers while they were shielded from challenge by martial law, to many competing overly detailed plans and conflicting parochial group interests.

Apparently echoing what was said at the plenum, the radio came out for more housing programs, because housing was no longer simply a social matter but a political one as well.

The radio added that the protection of prices on the domestic market through imposed artificially low prices had proved in the past to be a cause of economic ruin. It welcomed a planned reform of the system, where "economic mechanisms" would regulate price in such a way as eventually to bring down prices.

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Iraqi Dinar	26.40	26.20	—
Italian Lira (100,000)	9.85	9.82	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	12.01	11.97	—
Jordanian Dinar	69.50	69.25	—
Kuwaiti Dinar	54.25	54.30	—
Lebanese Lira (1,000)	—	—	41.40
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	—	—
Pakistani Rupee (100)	6.13	6.10	—
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Dollar rates shed gains

By J. H. Hammond

JEDDAH, April 24 — The American currency closed on a weaker level Friday night in New York, losing ground against most continental currencies except for the pound. The British currency was still buffeted by the Falkland Islands crisis and the Bank of England had to intervene on several occasions to help its national currency.

The sterling closed at 1.7730 in New York on Friday night, despite further encouraging some economic news out of U.K. which showed a March fall in the inflation rate to 10.4 percent.

In New York, however, all eyes were turned toward the release of the weekly U.S. money supply series and when these were released they showed a fall of \$1.9 billion. The markets reacted by pushing Eurodollar deposit rates further down to take the one-month Eurodollar rate to 14 1/4-14 1/2 percent after rates had opened stronger in Europe at 14 1/2-15 1/8 percent levels.

In the bullion markets, gold closed at \$352 Friday night which was \$7 higher than the average trading price Thursday. Bullion dealers were once again not too optimistic about gold's chances of staying at these higher levels and point to little fresh buying taking place.

In the local markets, dealers reported a quiet day Saturday, the morning after the Saudi Arabia's budget was announced. Jeddah bankers were inclined to believe that the SR313.4 billion budget will be able

to keep the economy on its present steady expansion path as well as meet the requirements of the new and existing project expenditures. They point to the way in which government expenditures have been managed during this past fiscal year ensuring that royal liquidity was available in the domestic economy.

On Saturday, royal deposit rates came down further to take the one-month JIBOR rate to 12 1/2-13 1/2 percent and the one-year level to 13-13 1/2 percent by the close of the session. In the short dates, week-fixed royal deposits were also weaker at 11 1/2 to 12 percent from opening levels of 12 1/2-13 1/4 percent.

In the exchange markets, spot rial/dollar rates opened 3.4295-05, but fluctuated between this rate and 3.4300-10 in thin trading.

In the European exchanges, the weekend Paris meeting of the monetary experts of Europe was overshadowed by falling U.S. dollar interest rate considerations, as well as rumors on a possible agreement on the size of the U.S. federal budget deficit being struck between opponents and proponents of the present budget deficit within the U.S. administration.

In the various currency news, the French franc gained more than 500 points to close at 6.2175 from 6.2600 levels, while the mark closed at 2.3775 from 2.3985 on Thursday. The Swiss franc also gained to close at 1.9625 (from 1.9730), while the Japanese yen gained 200 points to close at 240.00 level.

BRIEFS

PARIS, (AP) — Anti-inflation efforts appear to be working in the 10 biggest non-Communist industrialized nations, and economic activity should pick up slowly this year and in 1983, Western economic officials have said. The positive economic outlook was presented to finance ministry and central bank representatives of the group of 10, which includes the western industrialized giants and Japan, conference sources said.

large majority in the house Friday, places an 83.5 percent tax limit on incomes from North Sea gas and oil, retrospective from Jan. 20, 1982.

PARIS, (AP) — The French government announced Friday that it has put together a 235 million franc (\$37.6 million) aid package for Bangladesh that includes grants, low interest loans and export credits.

OTTAWA, (R) — Canada's seasonally adjusted index of industrial production or gross domestic product by industry fell 0.3 percent in February to 125.7, base 1971, after a 1.8 percent fall in January, Statistics Canada said.

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7.	Cer Alsiat	O.C.E.	Bagged Barley	18.4.82
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21.	Pollux	Gulf	Timber/Polis	21.4.82
22.	Marco Tasilo	Shobokshi	General	17.4.82
23.	Maldiva Neighbor	O.Trade	Sorghum/Maize/Barley	13.4.82
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3.	Betis	Shobokshi	General	14.4.82
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9.	Asia Morno	Gosaibi	Gen/Conts	17.4.82
11.	Kee Development	Gulf	Bagged Cement	20.4.82
12.	Sugar Trader	Barber	Glass-Pipes	23.4.82
14.	Eastam Saga	Saito	General	10.4.82
15.	Yung Fonlu	Gosaibi	General	20.4.82
16.	Hellas Pont Couraga	SEA	Timber/What	11.4.82
17.	Kimlos	Star	Fruits	22.4.82
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26.	Ibn Atik	Kanoo	Containers	23.4.82
27.	Costa Ligure	Gosaibi	Gen./Conts/Ro	23.4.82
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Cardinals breeze to 11th straight win

NEW YORK, April 24 (AP) — George Hendrick homered and had a pair of singles, driving in three runs, and Ozzie Smith hit his first homer in three years to lead the St. Louis Cardinals to their 11th straight victory, a 9-2 decision over the Philadelphia Phillies Friday night.

The string was the Cardinals' longest since 1943. They scored three runs each in the fourth, sixth and seventh innings as Philadelphia lost its 10th game in 13.

St. Louis right-hander Bob Forsch scattered eight hits over eight innings for his third victory. Philadelphia starter Mike Krukow, 1-2, lasted only 3 1/3 innings before leaving. Hendrick had one of three RBI singles in the fourth, and hit a two-run homer in the seventh.

Elsewhere in the National League, Rixio Lezcano slugged a three-run homer, his second of the game, in the top of the 12th inning to power San Diego to its ninth straight victory, a 6-3 triumph over Atlanta. The Braves now have lost two in a row after winning their first 13, a Major League record.

Al Oliver drove in a run with an infield single in the bottom of the ninth inning to give the Montreal Expos a 5-4 victory over the

U.S. tid-bits

Allen makes quick retreat

By Cynthia Shanley
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, April 24 — George Allen, former head coach of the Washington Redskins and Los Angeles Rams joined the Montreal Alouettes Feb. 16 as part owner, and now, only two months later, has quit as president and chief operating officer of the Canadian Football League team.

His decision to resign was an ultimatum to owner Nelson Skalbania to take the necessary steps to complete the sale of the team. The sale has been blocked by a financial tangle that included several major creditors. "The team can't stay in limbo," Allen said. Allen said that since he entered an option agreement with Skalbania in February, the deal "had been breached in several aspects," chief among them being Skalbania's apparent inability to furnish waivers on several major creditors.

Meanwhile, for those NBA teams who had advanced to the playoffs, one thought that may be in the back of their minds is that in the seven years since the National Basketball Association adopted a best-of-five format for the first round of playoffs, winning the first game has been tantamount to winning the series. Only three times in 24 series has the first-game loser come back to win the next two games and then advance to win the next round.

In the 12 previous playoff series of the Houston franchise, only one time have the Rockets lost the first game of any series and rallied to win it and that was in 1977 in a best-of-seven against Washington. They have done the same this season, losing the first against Seattle, but winning the next to level the series.

World welterweight champion Sugar Ray Leonard was honored in New York April 23 as 1981 fighter of the year by the Boxing Writers' Association.

Moore-Weir bout put off due to rain

JOHANNESBURG, April 24 (AP) — The World Boxing Association (WBA) junior middleweight title fight between champion Davey Moore of the United States and fourth-ranked South African Charlie Weir has been postponed until Monday because of rain.

The fight was scheduled for Saturday night at the Ellis Park Stadium in Johannesburg. The WBA sanctioned the bout as a title fight Friday after a Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, court stayed a lower court ruling that had prohibited the WBA from sanctioning the fight.

The ruling harring the sanction was sought by attorneys for American Tony Ayala, Jr. the third-ranked junior middleweight, who argued that letting Weir step ahead of Ayala for a shot at the title violated WBA regulations.

BRIEFS

NEW YORK, (AP) — The New York Islanders beat the New York Rangers 5-3 and eliminated them from the Stanley Cup playoffs. The Islanders won the series four games to two and advanced into the semifinals. In the other match Boston Bruins beat the Quebec Nordiques 6-5 and tied the series three games apiece.

HELSENKI, (AP) — West Germany and the United States drew 5-5 (0-1, 3-2, 2-2) in a World Group 'A' Ice Hockey match at Tampere, Finland, Saturday. In another match Czechoslovakia beat Italy 10-0.

LONDON, (AP) — Lajos Portisch of Hungary lost his first match in the Phillips and Drew International Chess Tournament Friday night but retained his lead after eight rounds of the Prestigious competition. Portisch lost to Britain's Jonathan Mestel who, ironically, gained his first win. The leader's nearest rival, Sweden's Ulf Andersson, closed the gap to one point after drawing with exiled Soviet grandmaster Boris Spassky.

PEKING, (R) — China's Zheng Dazhen equalled the Asian women's high jump record with a leap of 1.93 meters at a meeting here Friday night, the Nahina news agency reported Saturday. Zheng's jump, which bettered by one centimeter the national mark set in 1980, equalled the record set by Japan's Hisayo Fukumitsu last year.

MOSCOW, (R) — Nataliya Krushelnitskaya of the Soviet Union set two world cycling bests in the national championships in Krylatskoye when she recorded 11.547 seconds in the 200 meters from a flying start and 31.112 seconds in the 500 meters.

New York Mets. Oliver had a two-run homer earlier in the game.

Omar Moreno drove in four runs, and Bill Madlock and Mike Easler each had three hits as the Pittsburgh Pirates ended a four-game losing streak with a 12-10 victory over the Chicago Cubs.

Kart Howe and Phil Garner slugged consecutive home runs to spark a six-run third inning that lifted the Houston Astros to a 7-3 victory over the Cincinnati Reds, the rally was fueled by three walks off Reds right-hander Tom Seaver, 0-2.

In the American League, Dan Petry scattered seven hits, and Larry Herndon, John Wockenfuss and Alan Trammell drove in two runs each to boost the Detroit Tigers to a 9-1 trouncing of the New York Yankees.

Moshe Haas checked Texas on six hits in eight innings, and Don Money singled home the winning run in the fifth to give Milwaukee a 2-1 victory over the Rangers. Rollie Fingers earned his second save, striking out two in the ninth.

Jim Morrison tripled home the tie-breaking run in the ninth inning as the Chicago White Sox handed Baltimore its ninth straight loss, 4-2. Jim Palmer, 0-1, was



George Hendrick ... catches the eye

the loser.

Jim Rice smacked a two-run homer, and Carney Lansford hit a solo shot as the Boston Red Sox edged the Toronto Blue Jays 5-4. Red Sox right fielder Dwight Evans threw out the potential tying run at the plate for the final out in the ninth inning.

Amos Otis, Lee May and Hal McRae each had a hit to lead a 14-hit assault on four Cleveland pitchers as the Kansas City Royals ended a four-game losing streak with an 11-6 victory over the Indians.

But Ipswich flounders

Liverpool going great guns

electrifying move on the edge of the box and Mike Channon stepped in to blast home the equalizer.

Liverpool regained the lead in the 57th minute when Whelan netted from close range, but Southampton struck back again with a Kevin Keegan penalty one minute later. The honors looked like being shared as the battle swung from end to end until young Whelan stepped in with that late killer blow.

Manchester United and Tottenham kept their slim hopes alive in contrasting style. United had to huddle all the way for their 1-0 win at Brighton, while Tottenham swept past Notts County 3-1. United are in fourth place on 65 points and Tottenham lie seventh, one point behind Southampton, who remain on 62.

English Division			
Birmingham	2	Swansea	1
Brighton	0	Manchester United	1
Everton	2	Arsenal	1
Manchester City	1	Ipswich	1
Middlesbrough	0	Coventry	0
Nottingham Forest	1	Aston Villa	1
Southampton	2	Liverpool	1
Stoke	2	Wolverhampton	1
Tottenham	3	Notts County	1
West Ham	4	Leeds	1
West Bromwich	2	Sunderland	3
Division Two			
Barnsley	1	Charlton	0
Croydon Palace	0	Bolton	0
Cambridge	1	Leicester	2
Cardiff	1	O.P. Rangers	2
Chelsea	0	Derby	2
Newcastle	0	Grimsby	1
Norwich	2	Blackburn	1
Oldham	2	Wrexham	1

While Connors has it easy

Amritraj outlasts Clerc

DALLAS, April 24 (AP) — Vijay Amritraj of India upset Jose-Luis Clerc of Argentina in five sets to take the last quarterfinals match of the World Championship of Tennis finals here Friday night.

Amritraj, the No. 6 seed, moved into Saturday's semifinals with the 6-7, 6-2, 6-2, 6-4 victory. He will play No. 2 seed Ivan Lendl after the opening semifinals match between No. 1 John McEnroe and Eddie Dibbs.

The first set Friday night went to a tie-breaker with Clerc winning on points 7-4. Amritraj dominated the next two sets — winning both 6-2 — and in one stretch won eight straight games. He won the last three games of the second set and the first five of the third.

Clerc evened the match with a similar runaway in the fourth set. The Argentine broke the service of Amritraj in the second game and won 6-2. In the fifth and deciding set, both players held service through four games. But in the fifth game, Amritraj broke service with a winning backhand return of a Clerc serve. They played even the rest of the way.

Amritraj qualified for the final eight on points by entering seven of the eight WCT spring events. His best finish was the semifinals of the Genoa, Italy tournament.

Amritraj described himself as fortunate to have beaten Clerc. "He played some loose points and missed some shots," Amritraj said. "He never misses. I was fortunate to take the opportunity. I think I served pretty well in the first three sets and thought I should have won the first."

Meanwhile, top seed Jimmy Connors swept into the semifinals of the Grand Prix Tennis Tournament in Las Vegas when he disposed of fellow American Steve Denton 6-2, 6-0 in the quarterfinals Friday.

In Saturday's semifinals Connors will take on Sandy Mayer, winner of his quarterfinal

match against Brian Gottfried 7-5, 6-0.

Mark Edmondson was through to the semifinals when his opponent, Raul Ramirez of Mexico, limped off the court with an injured ankle and the scoreline 6-3, 2-0 in favor of the Australian. Edmondson will face American player Gene Mayer who beat South African Johan Kriek 6-3, 6-4.

In Bournemouth, two Spanish Davis Cup internationals, Manuel Orantes and Angel Gimenez, reached the semifinals on the State Express Classic.

The 33-year-old Orantes, ended the brilliant run of Argentinian-born Pablo Arriza, who in the two previous rounds beat former Wimbledon champion Jan Kodes of Czechoslovakia and Britain's Buster Mottram, beating him 6-2, 6-2. Gimenez beat Paul McNamee 3-6, 7-6, 6-2.

IMOLA, Italy, April 24 (Agencies) — As Frenchman Rene Arnoux clinched pole position for the trouble-hit San Marino Grand Prix in Saturday's final practice, the row over the future of turbo-charged engines rumbled on.

After recording the fastest time in his turbo-charged Renault, Arnoux called for a settlement to the dispute which has split Formula One racing. But there seemed little likelihood of a truce when Jean-Marie Balestre, head of the International Motor Sport Federation (FISA), the sport's governing body, lashed out furiously at the turbo manufacturers, accusing them of putting drivers' safety second to speed.

"At last the masks have fallen," Balestre said in a statement released here. "The public can now see the real reasons of those behind this campaign to get rid of the FISA president." Friday, leading turbo constructors, including Renault and Ferrari, threatened to

pull out of Formula One altogether if rule changes penalizing turbos, sought by Balestre, go through. Balestre said he would present the rule changes at the Casa Bianca meeting, deciding to call the turbo manufacturers' bluff.

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Suns outshine Nuggets to draw level

NEW YORK, April 24 (AP) — The message was clear for the Phoenix Suns and Houston Rockets in their National Basketball Association playoff games — win and keep on playing or lose and wait until next season.

But the urgency of the situation didn't quite sink in for the New Jersey Nets and Atlanta Hawks. On Friday night, Phoenix whipped Denver 126-110 and Houston trimmed Seattle 91-70 to send their best-of-three mini-series to final games. But the season ended for the Nets, as they lost 103-92 to Washington, and the Hawks, 98-95 losers to Philadelphia, in two-game sweeps.

The Suns knew what they had to do to beat Nuggets after dropping the first game 129-113 on Tuesday, but they nearly let it slip away. "We learned our lesson from the first game," said Phoenix forward Alvan Adams, who scored 25 points. "We knew we couldn't afford to let it slip away because they had beaten us before that way with a big third period."

"We stayed calm and didn't let anything they tried to do faze us like before. We stuck to our game plan and it worked." Denver sliced the Suns' 23-point lead in the second quarter to 27-23 in the third on David Thompson's three-point goal at 3:45. But Phoenix reeled off eight straight points and

In NBA playoff series

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coasted the rest of the way. Dennis Johnson paced the winners with 29 points, including 12 in the first quarter as the Suns raced to a 41-20 lead. Dan Issel tossed in 26 points, Alex English 21 and Thompson 19 for the Nuggets. The decisive game will be played Saturday night in Denver.

Rockets 91, Supersonics 78: Moses Malone scored 28 points and grabbed 23 rebounds as control-minded Houston halved the fast-breaking Sonics. The final game will be played Sunday in Seattle. The Sonics won the first game 102-87 on Wednesday.

Houston led from start to finish and turned back a Sonics' rally that trimmed the margin to 55-50 in the third period. But Malone hit three straight baskets to give Houston control again. Gus Williams paced Seattle with 18 points and Jack Sikma added 16 points and 11 rebounds.

Bullets 103, Nets 92: Kevin Grevey sparked a fourth-quarter rally with 13 points over a four-minute span to carry Washington over New Jersey. The victory moves the Bullets into the Eastern Conference semifinals against the Boston Celtics. The best-of-seven series opens Sunday in Boston. New Jersey led 50-47 at the half behind Albert King's 8-for-8 shooting from the field. But Spencer Haywood scored 11 of his 15 points in the third period to give Washington a 71-68

edge. Grevey who finished with 23 points, hit a basket to give Washington a 79-70 lead and then over the next four minutes connected on two three-point goals and completed a three-point play as the Bullets pulled away down the stretch. King led the Nets with 23 points, hitting on 11 straight shots before missing, and Ray Williams added 23.

76ers 98, Hawks 95: Caldwell Jones dropped in four pressure free throws in the final 1:07 of overtime to lift Philadelphia over the Hawks in a physical contest in which 75 fouls were called.

The 76ers advanced to the second round of the Eastern playoffs Sunday against the Milwaukee Bucks in Philadelphia. Jones gave Philadelphia a 95-93 lead when he hit two free throws with 1:07 to go and added two more with 21 seconds remaining for a comfortable 97-93 advantage.

Atlanta's Dan Roundfield, the game's top scorer with 29 points, sent the game into overtime when he pumped in a 15-footer with 12 seconds to go to tie the game at 90. Atlanta protested the game when the officials did not eject Philadelphia's Lionel Hollins in the third quarter when he threw a punch at Atlanta's Wayne "Rover" Rollins. Julius Erving led Philadelphia with 28 points.

Menotti names World Cup team

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, April 24 (AP) — Argentine national soccer coach Carlos Menotti announced Friday night a final list of 22 players who will participate in the World Soccer Cup tournament beginning June 13 in Spain.

The Argentines, winners of the 1978 World Cup played in Argentina, are scheduled to leave for Spain on May 29 and will meet Belgium in the opening game in Group Three, which also includes Hungary and El Salvador.

Menotti delivered the list to the Argentine soccer association, saying that it would be modified "only under extreme conditions."

The final list included 11 players who played on the 1978 team, including team captain Daniel Passarella, Ubaldo Fillol, Hector Baley, Daniel Bertonio, Americo Gallea, Luis Galvan, Mario Kempes, Jorge Olguin, Alberto Tarantini, Osvaldo Ardiles and Daniel Valencia.

The list also included: Juan Barbas, Gabriel Calderon, Santiago Santamaria, Ramon Diaz, Patricio Hernandez, Diego Maradona, Julio Olarticoechea, Nery Pumpido, Enzo Trossero, Jose Valdano and Jose Van Tynne. Menotti, Buenos Aires, is anxious to discover the attitude of other common market countries to playing against Argentina in the Football World Cup. British Sports Minister Neil MacFarlane said on television Saturday that the British government was currently considering asking the three British golfers England, Scotland, and Northern Ireland to withdraw from the competition because of the Falklands crisis.



Asa Hartford...makes things difficult for Ipswich with late equalizer.

Soccer results			
Rotherham	2	Luton	2
Shrewsbury	2	Oxford	0
Walsford	4	Sheff Wednesday	0
Division Three			
Bristol Rovers	2	Walsall	1
Burnley	2	Bristol City	0
Chester	1	Brentford	1
Doncaster	2	Plymouth	2
Exeter	1	Newport	0
Gillingham	0	Cardiff	0
Huddersfield	0	Portsmouth	1
Preston	2	Oxford	2
Reading	0	Southend	2
Swindon	1	Lincoln	0
Wimbledon	3	Cheshfield	1
Scottish Premier Division			
Aberdeen	2	Airdrieonians	0
Hibernian	2	St. Mirren	1
Partick	0	Celtic	1
Rangers	1	Dundee United	1

How they stand			
Division One			
Liverpool	36	23	6
Ipswich	37	22	5
Swansea	37	20	6
Manchester United	37	18	11
Southampton	38	18	8
Tottenham	38	15	7
Arsenal	37	16	10
West Ham	37	14	13
Everton	38	14	12
Manchester City	38	14	12
Nottingham Forest	37	13	12
Aston Villa	36	13	11
Brighton	36	12	7
Notts County	37	11	7
Coventry	37	11	7
Sunderland	37	9	10
Birmingham	36	8	12
Stoke	36	10	6



Vijay Amritraj ... hard fought victory

Rene Arnoux drives past 14 to pole position

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Rain delays New Orleans Golf

Nicklaus in poor way

NEW ORLEANS, April 24 (AP) — Bob Shearer slogged over wet, soggy fairways to a 6-under-par 66 and the first-round lead Friday in the rain-delayed \$400,000 New Orleans Open Golf Tournament.

The Australian played his back nine in a 5-under-par 31 and took a one-stroke lead over veteran Jim Colbert, who held a 103 meter 8-iron for an Eagle-2, and Scott Hoch, who played without a bogey, both carding 67's.

George Archer, Ron Commans, Larry Zeigler and Jim Simons, a winner at the Bing Crosby tournament earlier this season, were at 68. Tom Watson, who has won this title the last two seasons, and Jack Nicklaus were five shots off the pace at 71. Nicklaus birdied the last hole from about 6 feet to get under par in

the mild, sunny, breezy, day, while Watson rallied to overcome a bogey-bogey start. "Generally I played well," said Nicklaus who is seeking his first victory of the season. But he had continuing problems with his putting, missing birdie putts of about 6 feet in three of the last five holes, and failing twice on putts of about three feet.

The tournament start was delayed by a day as rains flooded the Lakewood Country Club Course Thursday and left it marked with puddles Friday. The tournament format now calls for a second round Saturday, and a double round of 36 holes, weather permitting, Sunday.

Shearer, who recently converted to cross-handed putting style, last week won his first victory on the American PGA tour at Tallahassee in his seventh year of competition. He made his big move here on his last nine holes. He flipped a sand wedge to within 3 feet of the cup on his 11th hole, dropped couple of birdie putts, then closed birdie-birdie, hitting mid-irons inside of 5 feet on his 17th and 18th.

Meanwhile, Kathy Postlewait defied tricky wind gusts and fired a record-tying 66 and took the first-round lead in the \$150,000 Orlando Lady Classic Golf Tournament.

Postlewait's 6-under-par performance over the 6,106-yard Rio Pinar layout was four strokes better than the second-place score posted by five-golfers — Janet Coles, Donna White, Patty Sheehan, Sandra Haynie, and Dot Germain. The 66 also tied the low opening round score this year for the Ladies Professional Golf Association tour.

Five golfers were tied for third with 71 in the 54-hole event which carries a first-place purse of \$22,500. Postlewait's round had eight birdies and two bogies, with five of the birdies coming on the back nine, where the cross winds weren't as much of a factor as they were on the front side.

Hilton, Douglas make exit

BUDAPEST, April 24 (R) — European table tennis champion John Hilton of England was defeated in straight games Friday night by Jacques Secetin of France in the third round of the men's singles here.

Hilton, 34, who won the title in Berne two years ago, did not look like taking the match at any stage against the seventh-seeded Frenchman.

Secetin, who won the singles championship in 1976, played a patient game, forcing Hilton into frequent errors. After losing the first two sets 21-15, 21-10, Hilton seemed to lose heart, and the match ended on a note of anti-climax when he failed to get his final serve over the net to go down 21-6 in the third game.

England's No. 4, Desmond Douglas, and another seed, Czechoslovakia's No. 13 Jan-drich Pansky, were also beaten. Douglas fell 17-21, 9-21, 21-11, 22-20, 21-11 to

unseeded Jan-Ove Waldner of Sweden and Pansky was beaten 21-15, 21-11, 21-19 by Swedish player Eric Lindh, also unseeded.

Top seed Dragutin Surbek of Yugoslavia survived a torrid five-game encounter with the left-handed Swede Ulf Bengtsson, winning finally 19-21, 21-16, 19-21, 21-13, 21-14. Bengtsson played some cracking forehands to have Surbek back-tracking desperately as he attempted to retrieve the ball from impossible positions.

Other seeded players to get through the early stages of the third round included Hungarians Gabor Gergely and Istvan Jonyer; Poland's Andrzej Grubbs; and Czechoslovakia's Josef Dvoracek.

In the women's singles, Sweden's Ann-Christin Helman was narrowly knocked out by Hungary's Erika Urban, who was forced to qualify for the championship. Urban won 21-15, 17-21, 21-15, 21-15.

Sue Cook walks to world record

ADELAIDE, Australia, April 24 (AP) — Former world champion Sue Cook celebrated her 24th birthday Saturday by clipping 4.4 seconds off the world record for the 5,000 meter walk.

Cook, competing for the Australian institute of sports, finished in 22:45.6 at the Olympic sports field to take the record from Aleksandra Deverinskijava of the Soviet Union.

It marked a successful comeback from a severe thigh injury for the Canberra student. Cook attributed her recovery from the injury to "plenty of long training walks together with sharp 300 meter repetitions on the track."

Cook will return to Adelaide on May 22 for an attempt on the world record in the 10,000 meter walk.

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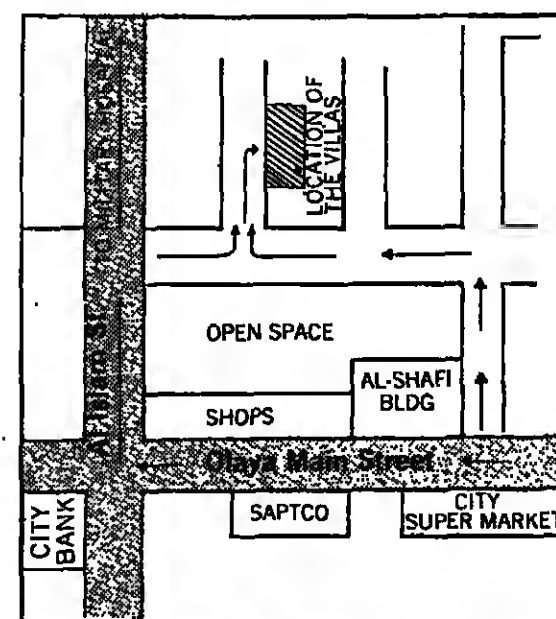


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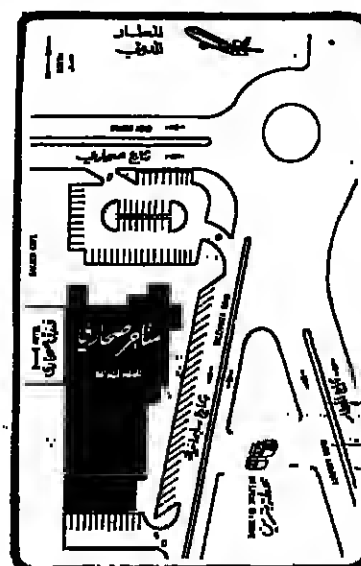
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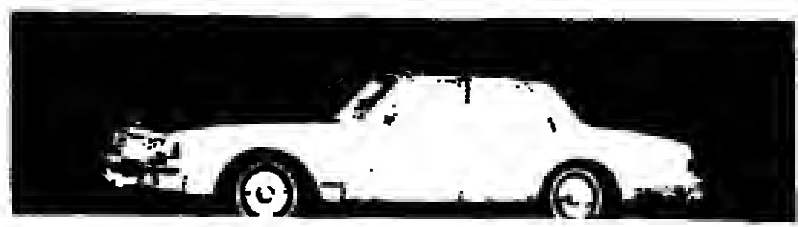
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Second boost to d'Aubuisson

U.S. support hinted to Salvador rightists

SAN SALVADOR, April 24 (AP) — In an apparent reversal of policy, American Ambassador Deane R. Hinton says U.S. support for El Salvador will continue even if the rightist-dominated constituent assembly excludes the centrist Christian Democrats from power.

Hinton's statement Friday followed the election of ultra-rightist Roberto d'Aubuisson as speaker of the new assembly that will form a new government to replace the four-junta run by the Christian Democrats and the military.

The remarks were the second boost to d'Aubuisson's coalition, which succeeded in shutting the Christian Democrats out of the assembly's 10-member directorate in voting Thursday. The junta depends heavily on U.S. aid to help the Central American nation's tattered economy and combat leftist guerrillas.

American diplomats had earlier warned the four conservative parties controlling the assembly that Congress might balk at supporting a government excluding Christian Democrats. Hinton's comments seemed a reversal of the U.S. position.

"Now, it is true that we indicated our belief that some actions would be more helpful to El Salvador and to our support of El Salvador, which will continue in any case, than others. But the decisions are made by the Salvadoreans," Hinton told a news conference.

Asked if he thought Congress would continue aid to a government headed by d'Aubuisson, Hinton replied: "I would certainly hope so. He's been elected freely by the Salvadoreans." Although Hinton appeared to refer to all types of American aid, U.S. Embassy spokesman Howard Lane later said Hinton did not necessarily mean economic aid but also moral support. "I admit it's ambiguous," Lane said.

The 60-seat assembly elected March 28 has the power to name an interim chief executive to replace the current junta, rewrite the constitution and organize general elections, probably in 1983.

The Christian Democrats have 24 seats but are demanding power equal to their 40 percent vote in the election. The rightists have told them that is too much, and Hinton's statement appeared to diminish Christian Democratic leverage on the rightist coalition even further.

Negotiations to pick the provisional president continued privately Saturday and assembly members say they expect to name the president next week. But there appeared to be disagreement between d'Aubuisson's Republican nationalist Alliance, which has 19 seats, and the National Conciliation Party, with 14. Democratic Action has two seats and the Popular Salvadoran Party one.

The Christian Democrats and National Conciliation, which was in power from the early 1960s until it was overthrown by military coup in October 1979, say they could accept Dr. Alvaro Magana, 57, a political independent who has run the state mortgage bank for 15 years.

d'Aubuisson's party opposes Magana but the Christian Democrats and National Conciliation have the votes between them to elect **Chadli Benjedid**

meets with Indira
NEW DELHI, April 24 (R) — President Chadli Benjedid of Algeria held a final round of talks Saturday with Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, but no details of their discussions were disclosed. An Indian Foreign Office spokesman said a joint statement on the outcome of their discussions will be released Sunday when the Algerian leader leaves for Peking.

At a separate meeting, Algerian Foreign Minister Seddik Benyahia and Indian Foreign Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao discussed the situation in Afghanistan and the 19-month-old Gulf war.

Rao, who is a member of a nonaligned peace mission, acquainted Benyahia with its recent efforts to resolve the conflict between Iran and Iraq, the spokesman said. During the two days of talks the two sides also decided to revive a joint planning group for economic cooperation.

Dozier kidnapper held
MILAN, Italy April 24 (AP) — Police said Saturday they have arrested Francesco Lo Bianco, a Red Brigades guerrilla convicted in absence of kidnapping U.S. Gen. James L. Dozier. Lo Bianco, leader of the Genoa column of the leftist terrorist group, was sentenced to 26 years in prison by a Verona tribunal on March 25 for his role in organizing the kidnapping.

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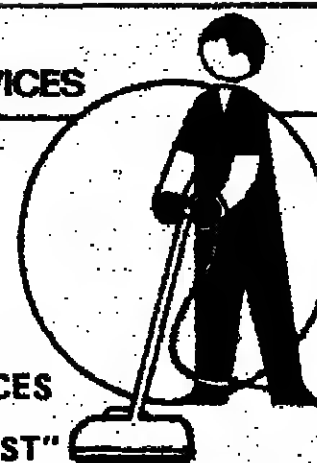
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Giant cloud moves away from Hawaii

HONOLULU, April 24 (AP) — Scientists atop a Hawaiian volcano shot a ruby laser Friday at a "monster" cloud of volcanic ash circling the globe to gather new information about its size, density, speed and direction.

"We made an observation this morning and the back-scatter reading was much lower than it had been," said Tom DeToor, an engineer at the Mauna Loa Observatory, part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. "That means the cloud has moved away from Hawaii."

He said it appeared the cloud had moved north over the Pacific Ocean. Latest calculations indicate the cloud may contain 10 million tons of debris, almost certainly from an April 9 eruption of the Chichonal volcano in Mexico, according to scientists at the Ames Research Center in California.

DeToor and Kinsell Coulson, director of the observatory at the 11,200-foot level of the Mauna Loa volcano, used a "laser" which uses a ruby laser — before dawn Friday to measure the cloud's thickness and density. Coulson said the cloud may be the largest to spread across the planet since the 1912 eruption of Alaska's Mount Katmai.

The cloud has turned Hawaii's normally sparkling blue skies to a milky shade during the past three weeks, producing sunrises and sunsets with brilliant red and orange hues.

NATO set to ratify Spain entry

BRUSSELS, April 24 (R) — A small hole dug this week at the entrance to NATO headquarters here is the first tangible sign of Spain's imminent entry into the Western alliance. The hole means that an extra flagpole, for the banner of Spain, will be joining those bearing the colors of the 15 present member-states of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The Spanish flag will be hoisted as soon as Spain's accession has been ratified by the current members and the instruments deposited with the U.S. government, guardian of the treaty. NATO officials doubt whether Spain will be able to take part in NATO's ministerial council in Luxembourg next month but they expect the entry procedure to be completed in time for the NATO summit in Bonn on June 10.

Spain's entry came a step nearer Friday when Portugal's National Assembly approved the treaty of Spanish accession signed in Brussels last December. The assembly acted after receiving assurances that its powerful neighbor's membership would not eclipse Portugal's strategic role in the alliance and that the two countries would fall under separate commands.

Three countries still have to ratify the Spanish accession — the Netherlands, Greece and Turkey — but no special difficulties are expected which could delay official entry until after June, the NATO officials said.

In the Netherlands, some delay in ratification is inevitable because of a busy parliamentary schedule. Moreover some members of the Dutch Labor Party, part of the coalition government, have expressed misgivings about Spain's entry because the Spanish Socialist Party has campaigned against it.

Question marks over the Greek government's attitude were lifted when Socialist Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu gave assurances to visiting Spanish Prime Minister Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo last week that Greece backed Spain's entry into both NATO and the European Economic Community (EEC).

Informed Turkish sources said Turkey was unlikely to approve the ratification instruments until Greece had done so, for fear the Greeks might hit back at the last moment in a bid to gain changes in the command structure for the Aegean area.

NATO officials said there had been concern at one stage within the alliance that Greece might use the issue of Spain's entry to win concessions in its quarrel with Turkey over the delimitation of national commands in the Aegean.

Spanish Foreign Minister Jose Pedro Perez Lorca reaffirmed Thursday that Spain would never allow nuclear weapons on its territory, even after joining NATO.

Argentina turning pro-Soviet

BUENOS AIRES, April 23 (R) — Soviet hacking for Argentina's seizure of the Falkland (Malvinas) Islands has enhanced Moscow's prestige in this normally anti-Communist country. Eight days after the takeover, 250,000 Argentines chanted anti-British and anti-American insults in a Buenos Aires square. Four days later Argentine soccer fans rapturously welcomed the Soviet national team.

The outburst marked a dramatic shift by the predominantly Roman Catholic Argentines, who have always seen themselves as a bastion of Western tradition and a bulwark against Soviet penetration of Latin America.

Anti-Western feelings, already fueled by criticism of Argentina over the Falklands issue, deepened when the 10-nation European Economic Community (EEC) voted to impose economic sanctions in support of Britain.

Some diplomatic analysts say the Argentine military leaders, who ruthlessly wiped out left-wing guerrillas in the mid-1970s, are using Soviet diplomatic support to further their cause among third world countries.

"They know that Soviet backing will ensure the support of a large number of nonaligned countries which will be decisive if or when the Malvinas issue is taken up by the United Nations, one diplomat said.

He said Argentina had developed close economic and trade ties with Moscow in recent years without renouncing a vanguard role in combating what it considers Soviet expansionism in Latin America.

As an example, the diplomat quoted reports that Argentine military advisers were fighting alongside forces opposed to the left-wing government in Nicaragua, and with government forces against left-wing guerrillas in El Salvador.

Moscow is Argentina's largest grain customer. Official sources estimate that 85 percent of Argentine grain and oilseed exports will go to the Soviet Union this year. Moscow also buys between 60,000 and 100,000 tons of Argentine beef annually under a five-year agreement signed a year ago, and agreed recently to send enriched uranium for its nuclear energy program. Close trade ties have been accompanied by more relaxed political relations.

While the Argentine government is cashing in on Soviet support in the diplomatic arena, increasing concern over the tactical Argentine-Soviet alliance is being voiced in conservative Argentine circles. Former Foreign Minister Oscar Camilión reflected this when he told a Brazilian magazine the dispute has introduced an "incredible alliance" between Buenos Aires and Moscow.

"It seems unreal in a country like Argentina whose people are anti-Communist," he said.

The English-language daily *Buenos Aires Herald* said in an editorial that the Soviet Union might emerge as the real winner of the Falklands dispute. Thanks to this conflict the Soviet Union will enhance its reputation as a defender of small Third World nations, the

Poland disowns envoy's statement on internees

WARSAW, April 24 (Agencies) — The Polish government Saturday implicitly denied a statement by its ambassador to Sweden, who said Friday that most of the 3,100 persons now interned in Poland would be released before the end of the month. A government spokesman said ambassador Pawel Cieslar's remarks were his own responsibility.

The spokesman, Andrzej Prochiewicz, said he thought the situation had not evolved to the point where the government had to ask the ambassador in Stockholm to become its spokesman. "These statements are therefore unofficial and I'll have you to appreciate their value," he added.

However, sources close to the government did not exclude a possible mass release of internees on Labor Day, May 1. The sources said the government was still considering the matter.

Meanwhile, the director of the Foreign Ministry press center, Jerzy Weyk, commenting on the ambassador's statement, said simply: "He knows what he's saying." Cieslar, whose mission was drawing to an end, had been recalled from Sweden, other sources said.

Cieslar had, in effect, indicated that Polish authorities had noted more compliance with laws in the country and progress toward more stability. But this complied with remarks at the Polish Communist Party's central committee plenum here Thursday and Friday.

During the meetings, it was stated that a period of stabilization had followed the Dec. 13 martial law proclamation, but that the situation had once again deteriorated. There

was, a central committee member said, "more and more disorder in the social life." The rector of the police academy, Tadeusz Walichnowski, said that 220 cases of "diversion and sabotage", 76 cases of damage to machines, and 10 explosions of criminal origin occurred between Dec. 13 and April 15.

Meanwhile, Polish Communist leader Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski has renewed a call for a national accord, but vowed to fight those who reject the offer in a speech made public Saturday. But all Polish dailies appearing Saturday failed to publish the text of Jaruzelski's speech ending a two-day session of the policy-making central committee devoted to the economy.

Gen. Jaruzelski warned that Poles should not be expected their standard of living to "clearly improve" before 1990. The statements were reported on the last, late-night news bulletin Thursday on Polish television, which was alone in giving a brief resume of the general's closing statement.

Editors at the Polish news agency PAP said the text of the speech would be released Sunday, but refused to elaborate. Usually, the party leader's speech is published at the end of the day after a plenum.

Central committee members, meeting for the second time since the declaration of martial law, agreed unanimously that the Politburo should draft the meeting's final resolution, the Communist daily *Trybuna Ludu* reported Saturday.

Some observers speculated the failure of the committee members to adopt a resolution themselves indicated some divisions among them, or disagreement with the Politburo's report on the economy.

Mzali to confer with Reagan

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WASHINGTON, April 24 — Tunisian Prime Minister Muhammad Mzali arrived in New York Saturday as the Reagan administration pushes for a significant boost in arms sales to the North African country, all amid concerns by Tunisia over its financial well-being.

Stated for talks with President Reagan Thursday, Mzali officially is visiting to get acquainted with the American leadership he hasn't met since he came to power in the spring of 1980. He replaced the ailing Hedi Nour.

Prior to the visit, Pentagon sources focused on the long standing, warm relations between Tunisia and the United States and discounted rumors of an official or unofficial understanding that both nations would assist each other in the event of an emergency. For the United States, one report noted, that would mean access to Tunisian naval ports and airfields. For Tunisia, it might mean American intervention should develop trouble between Tunisia and neighboring Libya.

Despite a blanket denial by the U.S.

government that such an agreement exists, the key role of Tunisia wasn't disputed. "It's African, it's Mediterranean, and it's Middle Eastern," one source at the Defense Department told *Arab News*. "It impinges on a lot of American interests" because of its strategic location.

When the president's men carried their security aid programs to Capitol Hill earlier this year, a healthy 65 percent increase was earmarked for Tunisia. This military relationship has become the subject of much speculation since long-time President Habib Bourguiba is 82 years old and ill.

Tunisia eventually will get Chapparel surface-to-air missiles and a number of M-60 tanks, according to recent sales agreements with the Pentagon. However, the Pentagon says those arms "won't be delivered for some time. It's just a matter of manufacturing and delivering, plus training if necessary," explained Col. Mark Fouch, Pentagon spokesman on arms agreements.

Reports to Congress show that Reagan wants to allow Tunisia to buy \$140 million in weaponry in the next fiscal year. That is well beyond the estimated \$85 million approved for this year.

IRA to fight Ulster elections

DUBLIN, Ireland, April 24 (AP) — Sinn Fein, the political front of the outlawed Provisional Irish Republican Army, has declared it will fight elections in British-ruled Northern Ireland for a provincial assembly this fall.

It will be the first time the movement has contested elections in the troubled province since sectarian fighting erupted in August 1969. "We will be fighting the elections with the intention of giving the (Roman Catholic) nationalist people a Republican voice and an alternative," the Sinn Fein president said in a statement.

But he stressed: "We will not be taking part in any British process which will allow the (London) government to foist artificial political institutions on any section of the Irish people." He indicated that successful Sinn Fein candidates will not take their seats in the 78-member consultative assembly proposed by Britain.

The almost exclusively Catholic IRA is fighting to end British rule in the province with the Irish Republic to end 60 years of partition.

The move by Sinn Fein, which is legal, follows its failure to win any seats in the Irish Republic's February general election. It

stands little chance of winning seats in the proposed assembly, which is designed to bring Protestants and Catholics together and eventually to partial home rule in Northern Ireland if leaders can agree to share power.

Sinn Fein member Owen Carron was elected to the British Parliament last April, but the movement commands support in only four of the north's 12 electoral constituencies.

Indians fleeced

NEW DELHI, April 24 (AP) — Armed bandits robbed passengers aboard a trans-India express train in Northern India Saturday and escaped with one million rupees (\$111,111) worth of cash and valuables, railroad authorities reported. About 24 passengers were injured, seven of whom were listed in serious condition in a hospital, the officials said.

The thugs jumped off the Calcutta-Lucknow express as it slowed down near the Janpur City railroad station, 600 kms southeast of New Delhi. Armed guards on board the train fired at the fleeing gang, the officials added, but apparently no one was hit.

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Amsterdam	3	37	12	54	sunny
Athens	8	46	14	57	cloudy
Bahrain	23	73	30	86	clear
Bangkok	27	81	34	93	clear
Beirut	18	64	22	72	sunny
Bombay	4	39	13	55	cloudy
Brussels	4	39	14	57	clear
Buenos Aires	13	55	17	62	cloudy
Cairo	16	61	27	81	cloudy
Caracas	18	64	28	82	cloudy
Chicago	3	37	19	67	clear
Copenhagen	5	41	10	50	cloudy
Dublin	7	44	14	57	clear
Frankfurt	6	39	17	63	cloudy
Geneva	2	36	17	63	clear
Hong Kong	21	70	21	70	rain
Jakarta	24	75	32	90	cloudy
Kuala Lumpur	23	73	33	91	rain
London	8	46	14	57	cloudy
Los Angeles	14	58	28	82	clear
Madrid	7	45	22	72	sunny
Manila	23	73	36	97	clear
Mexico City	12	53	24	75	clear
Miami	24	76	29	84	rain
Moscow	3	37	8	46	rain
New Delhi	24	75	37	99	cloudy
New York	12	54	20	68	clear
Nicosia	11	52	22	72	clear
Oaxo	2	36	7	45	clear
Paris	9	48	18	64	cloudy
Roma	6	43	17	63	cloudy
San Francisco	10	50	17	63	clear
Seoul	11	52	21	70	clear
Singapore	24	75	32	90	rain
Stockholm	5	37	13	56	cloudy
Sydney	15	59	28	82	fair
Taipei	17	63	21	70	cloudy
Tokyo	12	54	19	66	clear
Toronto	4	39	17	63	sunny
Vancouver	10	50	20	68	cloudy
Vienna	3	39	10	50	clear

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